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Outdoor Association Funding in Peril

Tyson Farrell
County Voice

For the last five years, the Ministry of Natural Resources has provided the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association with approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 annually, almost half the HHOA's budget. The MNR recently announced that the funding would not continue after this year. "We're disappointed with the MNR's decision," Hodgson said. "But we realize that it wasn't the local MNR. We work very closely with the local MNR. We're a huge asset to them. They frequently use our facilities for their own purposes, including fire training and meetings. The local MNR realizes how valuable we are, it's the MNR administrators at the provincial level that don't. They're the ones that make the decisions. If the provincial MNR don't come to the table, it's the local MNR that will suffer the most."

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SPECIAL FEATURE

Local Pastor Warns of Increasing Drug Problems in County

Tyson Farrell
County Voice

In the Highlands, there are many people that are affected by drugs. As a youth pastor at the Lakeside Baptist Church, David Bretzlaff is more aware of local substance abuse than most. He frequently provides council to addicts, while he also comforts those who are indirectly and directly affected by drug use.

Bretzlaff's father-in-law was the late Dr. Rudy Regehr, a well known addiction treatment specialist, who started a detox centre in Elliot Lake. Through Dr. Regehr, Bretzlaff learned a great deal about drug abuse while he was growing up. Before Bretzlaff came to Haliburton, he was a pastor in Kingsville, where he frequently dealt with issues of substance abuse. "Over the years, I've learned that youth substance abuse is a real problem in our society, no matter what town you're in," Bretzlaff said. "It's most certainly a big problem in the Highlands."

As the local youth pastor, Bretzlaff constantly watches local teenagers struggling with drugs. "Not a week goes by when somebody doesn't come to me with a drug problem. I deal with businessmen, moms, youth, and more. The person's age, gender, religion, colour, and wealth doesn't matter, because drugs don't

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Ian Bottum Hurdles for
Hal High

Fate of the Haliburton Caboose

Highlanders are still in shock over the recent torching of the Haliburton caboose. But Reeve Murray Fearrey was able to confirm on Monday that, other than the standard deductible, insurance will completely cover the restoration. The fate of this historic landmark had already been scheduled for discussion at the Dysart Council meeting this week but as Rotary member George Kadoke put it, no one realized it would become such a hot topic.

The morning after the arsonists' attack, Dysart officials contacted their insurance provider and submitted a claim on the caboose. By Thursday, Greg Sheppard from SCM Adjusters Canada Ltd. was on site to inspect the charred remains. After his inspection Sheppard said, "The municipality wants the caboose restored as soon as possible." Despite how bad things look he also said, "I've seen a lot worse."

For almost three years, the Rotary Caboose Committee has been struggling with restoration initiatives as the Rotary Club was responsible for bringing the caboose to Haliburton in the early 1970's. Kadoke, as Committee Chair said, "We've been trying to get (the caboose) restored and put it to good use. It was inevitable that something like this would happen. We've caught kids hanging out in the caboose. We tried to board up the windows, but they broke through with

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Outdoor Association Negotiates for Funds

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>> Local publications recently stated the MNR money given to the HHOA were grants. Hodgson wants people to realize that this is not the case. "The MNR came on board with funding before we even built the hatchery. The HHOA and the MNR built it together, and we have a long history together. We work together closely, and help each other out. In reality, it's a trust partnership, not a grant. The MNR are partners with us, not just donors."

Although the MNR says that they will not continue funding the partnership, the HHOA hopes to change their mind. "We've sent emails to Donna Cansfield, the Minister of Natural Resources. We hope to give a presentation to MNR leaders and convince them to continue funding us. Murray Fearrey and other councilors have been very supportive, writing numerous letters for us."

Although the absence of MNR funding will hurt the HHOA, Hodgson believes that the organization will survive. "Over the last few years we've really cut costs and lowered our budget a lot. We can do more belt tightening if we have to. If the MNR won't help with the funding, there are other organizations we can turn to. We may start getting smaller funds from a lot of different organizations, instead of getting it all from the MNR." Hodgson realizes that he can not depend solely on local fundraising. "We already get about \$40,000 to 50,000 from local fundraisers each year. How much more can you ask for from the community? You can't expect much more."

The Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association was created in 1992 with a mandate to promote hunting and fishing, improve wildlife and fish habitats, conserve natural resources, and improve the public image of hunters and anglers. In order to achieve its objectives, the HHOA has undertaken a number of fish and wildlife enhancement initiatives. With great success over the years, the HHOA has run four programs on an annual basis, and has participated in many community oriented programs.

The association has been operating a lake access point clean-up program for many years. HHOA volunteers clean up garbage in areas of high traffic, such as public access points to lakes, hunt camps, and nature trails. One of the most important things they look for is glass. Particular care is also taken to remove nails and other sharp objects.

In times of extreme weather conditions, the HHOA runs an emergency deer-feeding program. Working directly with MNR technical staff, HHOA volunteers monitor a weather station for snow accumulation, and temperature. Upon approval by MNR, the Emergency Deer Feeding Committee purchases MNR approved formulated deer feed and gives it to 100 deer feeding volunteers. These volunteers distribute the food to deer population, ensuring that they survive the cold weather.

As an outdoors interest group, the HHOA has also developed a lost dog program for hunters. Each year scores of dogs go astray while deer hunting. People who find lost dogs can deliver the animals to 20 HHOA operated lost dog pounds within the County. At the pounds, the dogs are cared for until they are reunited with their owners.

Perhaps the most well known and successful HHOA

programme is their Haliburton Fish Hatchery and Haliburton Lake Trout project. In 1997 the HHOA purchased a property south of Haliburton on County Road 1. The land had previously been the site of a commercial fish hatchery. A review of the HHOA's Haliburton Fish Hatchery operation in 1998 concluded that the facility needed to be upgraded and developed to realize its full potential. The Ministry of Natural Resources supported the HHOA and provided a \$162,000 grant to construct a new hatchery building. The new fish hatchery was opened in April 2000. Since then, the hatchery has raised over 200,000 trout.

The HHOA has been involved in numerous other projects, including landing seeding initiatives, river rehabilitation, spawning shoal rehabilitation, and wildlife surveys. In order to accomplish all that of these tasks, the HHOA depends on several different things. The organization is run almost entirely by a staff of volunteers. "We rely on our volunteers a lot. Some of our volunteers come in for only one hour a week, and for others

it's like a full time job. They're here five days a week, for more than 40 hours. Some spend more than a \$1,000 in fuel each year driving here," said HHOA President Keith Hodgson. "Most of our volunteers are retired, and it's something social for them to do. They also realize that it's a very worthy cause." Aside from volunteers, the association also relies heavily on fundraising events. They are responsible for raising at least half of their budget, which they do through various fundraising dinners.

"Some people just don't realize how much the HHOA and the hatchery contribute to the community. Fishing and hunting is extremely important for the local economy. Marinas, lodges, and resorts often depend on hunting and fishing. Well it's the HHOA that keeps the fish stocks high and helps to protect wildlife," Hodgson said. "We also educate local school children about the environment, and the hatchery is used for by many organizations. Our fields are even used by high school sports teams. The HHOA contributes a lot to the socio-economic fabric of our community. It's an organization that must be preserved." ■



Keith Hodgson and Friend

Repairs To Improve Surfaces Should Soon Be Complete Sidewalks Get a Facelift

Sidewalks in the County are undergoing routine construction repairs which are coming in at an approximate cost of \$80,000.

Sections of Highland St., Maple St., Park St. and Victoria St. began to receive repair work by contractors Kawartha Curb and Sidewalk from Colborne.

Roads Superintendent Brian Nicholson says that this work is being done in order to eliminate deteriorating sidewalks which have given plows problems in the past.

"The construction started last Monday and the pouring of the concrete will be finished today," said Nicholson last Tuesday. The decision to go ahead with the construction work was made just a couple of weeks ago.

"The tenders were reviewed and accepted on May 12 by council," he said.

Nicholson says he's only received one complaint so far from a person in the community about the repair work.

"Some people don't like construction but they still want to see everything get fixed."

As far as making residents aware of the construction,

Nicholson says that this is completely up to the contractor.

"They're the ones that know when they're coming and going. They can decide to tell who they want about it."

As for the rest of the community, Nicholson says that most are happy to see the work being done. While construction is underway, Nicholson adds that contractors have been trying to accommodate residents as best as possible.

"Alternative parking has been provided for people to get in their driveways so they're not stranded. Planks have been placed across

sidewalks for people to walk on."

Nicholson says that this work is quite minor in comparison to repairs in larger centres. He reports that things are moving along swiftly.

"As far as the pouring of concrete that should be done today. The weather has been a bit of a hiccup along the way. The work we do in the Municipality is quite small in comparison to cities like Peterborough. We're putting a push on the contractors to get it done as soon as possible." ■



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FRIDAY



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▲ 26° ▼ 15°

SATURDAY



Warm with scattered showers and t-storms

▲ 27° ▼ 18°

SUNDAY



Chance of showers and thunderstorms

▲ 26° ▼ 15°

MONDAY



Cooler with a few more showers and t-storms

▲ 23° ▼ 12°

TUESDAY



Cooler with a few more showers and t-storms

▲ 21° ▼ 13°

WEDNESDAY



A.M. sun, then clouds and a few P.M. showers

▲ 19° ▼ 12°

AROUND THE REGION: Warmer weather is on the way to the region, but it will come with a price. That will be in the form of scattered showers and thunderstorms. Wet weather will be possible on Thursday and again through the weekend with a brief dry spell on Friday. Highs will be in the mid- to upper 20s.

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May 31, 2008

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Bancroft	23/13/ts	26/15/pc	26/18/ts	25/15/ts	23/12/ts	21/12/ra	19/11/sh
Barrie	25/14/ts	27/16/pc	28/18/ts	26/16/ts	24/13/ts	21/13/ra	21/12/sh
Dorset	23/13/ts	26/15/pc	26/18/ts	25/14/ts	23/12/ts	21/12/ra	19/11/sh
Haliburton	24/13/ts	26/15/pc	27/18/ts	26/15/ts	23/12/ts	21/13/ra	19/12/sh
Huntsville	23/13/ts	26/15/pc	26/18/ts	25/14/ts	23/12/ts	21/12/ra	19/11/sh
Kingston	25/13/ts	28/17/pc	28/18/ts	27/17/ts	24/13/ts	22/13/ra	21/13/sh
Lindsay	25/13/ts	27/16/pc	28/18/ts	26/16/ts	24/13/ts	21/13/ra	20/12/sh
Minden	24/13/ts	26/15/pc	27/18/ts	26/15/ts	23/12/ts	21/13/ra	19/12/sh
Oshawa	26/13/ts	28/17/pc	29/18/ts	27/17/ts	24/14/ts	22/13/ra	21/13/sh
Ottawa	24/9/cl	28/18/pc	29/19/ts	28/16/ts	24/12/sh	21/10/cl	19/9/pc
Toronto	26/16/ts	28/18/pc	29/19/ts	27/17/ts	24/14/ts	22/14/ra	22/13/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	Sunday Hi/Low/Otik	Monday Hi/Low/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otik
Calgary	19/14/pc	11/7/sh	12/7/ra	13/7/sh	17/7/ra	16/6/ra	17/6/sh
Edmonton	25/10/pc	17/7/sh	22/12/cl	15/8/ra	17/6/cl	21/8/dz	21/9/pc
Fredericton	20/8/pc	22/12/sh	24/14/su	29/23/sh	29/23/sh	19/10/cl	18/8/su
Halifax	20/11/pc	22/12/cl	22/14/pc	19/17/dz	23/19/sh	15/10/cl	14/9/su
Montreal	24/11/cl	29/18/cl	30/17/ts	28/17/ts	25/12/sh	21/10/cl	18/8/pc
Regina	23/8/pc	22/9/cl	20/11/sh	23/12/dz	18/11/cl	22/8/sh	21/9/ts
St. John's	14/9/pc	14/6/pc	14/8/su	7/4/pc	8/6/ra	8/7/cl	8/4/cl
Saskatoon	24/8/pc	23/8/cl	23/10/sh	23/11/dz	14/12/cl	21/11/dz	21/11/ts
Vancouver	12/11/ra	14/12/sh	16/12/sh	14/11/sh	13/8/ra	18/11/ra	19/11/cl
Whitehorse	17/7/cl	16/6/dz	15/7/cl	12/2/cl	11/8/cl	22/8/cl	23/9/pc
Winnipeg	22/9/pc	16/6/sh	19/7/sh	27/16/cl	26/13/pc	22/11/cl	23/10/sh

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Saturday 5/31	19°C	10°C	0.0 mm
Friday 5/30	18°C	1°C	7.5 mm
Thursday 5/29	22°C	0°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 5/28	16°C	-1°C	0.0 mm

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Sat.	5:28 a.m./8:59 p.m.	9:37 a.m./12:04 a.m.
Sun.	5:27 a.m./8:59 p.m.	10:55 a.m./12:32 a.m.
Mon.	5:27 a.m./9:00 p.m.	12:07 p.m./12:55 a.m.
Tues.	5:27 a.m./9:01 p.m.	1:17 p.m./1:15 a.m.
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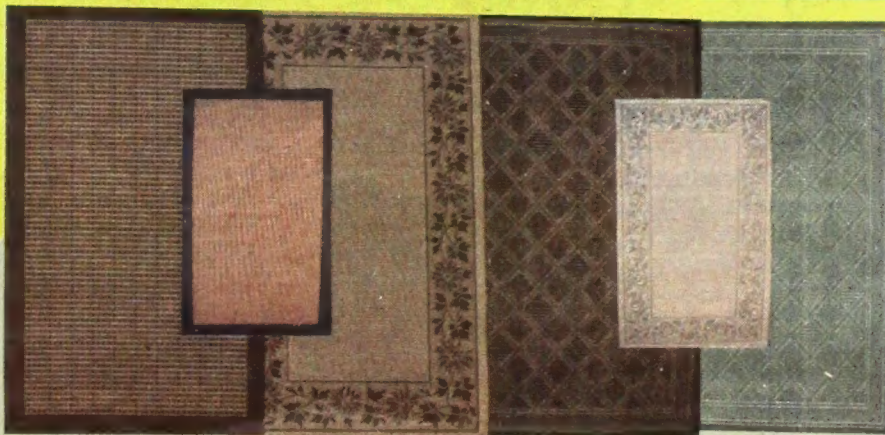
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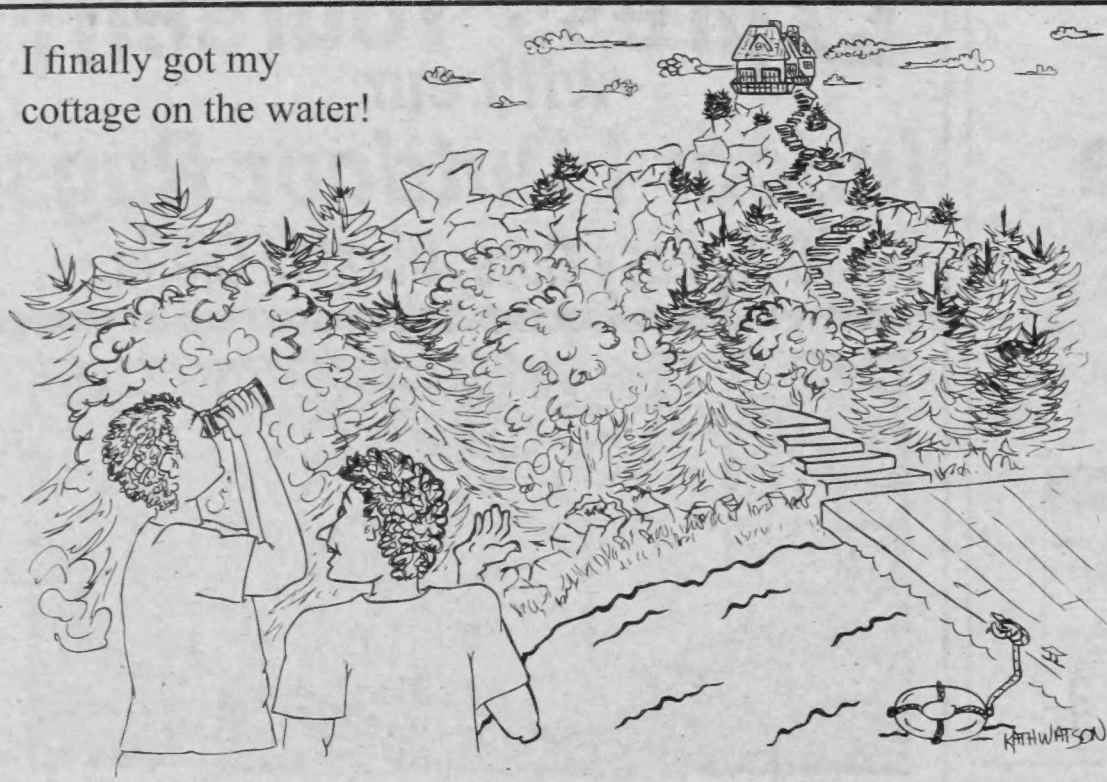
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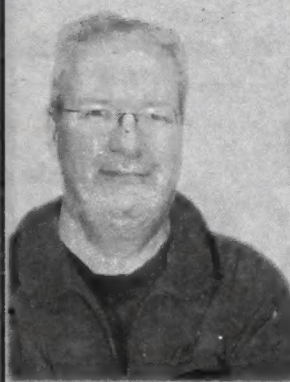
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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY STEPHEN PATRICK

Something Happened



Something seemed to have changed in our disparate social and political communities over the past week. Some 35 years ago the American novelist Joseph Heller wrote "Something Happened", an eerie, funny, scary work, in which, naturally, almost nothing happens.

Heller was writing about corporate culture, morals, and an indefinable sense of foreboding about the future in early 1970s America. Now, we're not about to suggest a massive cultural wave of change is washing over Haliburton County. But the torching a week ago Tuesday of Haliburton's little orange Caboose in Head Lake Park touched a powerful chord in this community. Feelings of hurt, anger, even violation were commonplace: calls for retribution, even revenge were heard from the most liberal sources. Politicians and businessmen who'd wanted the rusty bucket trashed, pronto, suddenly developed a grudging affection for the funky old landmark.

With the news that two Young Offenders, ages 15 and 17, had been arrested and charged with arson, the chorus of condemnation reached new heights. The two were released last week under strict bail conditions that prohibited the pair from having any contact with each other, from possessing any incendiary devices, consuming any drugs or alcohol, or even leaving their homes without supervision. A strict curfew was also imposed.

It now appears as if the caboose will in fact be restored, due in no small part, ironically, to the insurance monies that will be paid as a result of the arson. But it seems to us that the collective sadness and anger over this latest act of civic violence speaks to a greater unease in the community. The rash of burglaries and drug busts over the winter, the violence visited upon storekeepers and restaurant owners, the series of arsons in the Village of Haliburton, the continued existence of professionally run and maintained grow-ops and chemical drug shops, the sheer volume and variety of drugs available on the street, particularly to our children, have shaken many people's assumptions about what we like to think is a safe, caring and tolerant community. The pat answers ("all small towns have the same problems" – "kids will be kids") have the easy ring of clichéd truth, but they're not enough.

As Tyson Farrell reports on Page 1 of this issue in his interview with Lakeside Baptist Pastor Dave Bretzlaff, the drug problem in this County is real and it's growing. At the Voice we work in a location where a lot of kids hang out, sometimes just looking for shelter, sometimes for action, often for drugs. According to the Rotary's George Kadoke, teenagers were using the caboose regularly as a hangout, a place to smoke up, or to get out of the rain and snow. For whatever reason, this behaviour was allowed to proceed, unchecked, for months. Our collective unease is perhaps to do with a sense that our civic peace is gradually slipping away – and not just because of a small group of wayward teenagers.

The adult drug trade in the County is powerful and dangerous. The products available to our children are lethal, addictive, and relatively cheap. And those products are at least a couple of generations removed from the 'benign' pot-taking of the 1960s and 70s. Marijuana is regularly laced with LSD: crack cocaine is easily available (and cheaper than pure coke); crystal meth, which is produced in local house labs, is vicious stuff, and there's lots of it. The OPP hint that almost all the headline criminal activity over the past six months has a link to the drug trade.

At the end of Heller's novel there is an actual event, a horrific tragedy that shakes the main character's world to its core. And leaves the reader grasping for the easy reasons and explanations, where there are none.

In the weeks ahead the Voice will be present a series of articles that will continue to examine this other side of Haliburton life to see if we can shed some light in this dark and scary part of our forest. ■

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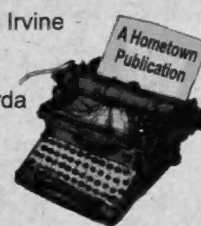
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The Road to Kandahar *A Soldier's Journal*

by Captain David Beatty

Just another Tuesday.

"Every Day is Tuesday"

For those who have watched the Bill Murray movie "Groundhog Day", you will have an understanding of what life is like here in the Kandahar Air Force (KAF) base. Everyday seems to be identical. To this end, we have adopted a new calendar system in which every day is Tuesday. Normal work hours here are 0800 until 2000hours each day – there are no weekends and no days off (unless you are leaving the area on leave).

For Example, Tuesday Oné (Sunday) involves "Big Breakfast" and then off to work. For those who wish to attend church, the services start at 0900 and run pretty much through the day (one church on the base, serving several denominations).

Tuesday Two (Monday) – The day of two mornings. The normal 0800hr start here in KAF and then the second on around 1730hrs (0800hrs in Ottawa), when those in the higher headquarters in Ottawa come to work and start the phone calls and the e-mails.

Tuesdays Three to Six are identical, no real change from the normal routine. However Tuesday Seven – Market Day, tends to be a bit of a highlight. With just over 10,000 people from various military forces and civilian contractors working at KAF, a local market is set up each Tuesday Seven (Saturday) where you can purchase just about anything from rugs to watches (yes you can buy a genuine ROLEX for \$20, and it comes with a guarantee – just ask the fellow selling it to you). It becomes the central point on KAF for the three hours of operation. Naturally it results in a trip to the post office by Canada House to bundle up this week's purchases and send them home.

Then the week starts up again with Tuesday One.

Intermixed in this never-ending week, are the deployments out on operations – these are never the same. Whether you are going by road or helicopter, you carry over 60 lbs of equipment (weapons, ammunition, body armor) in the heat which this week hit a high of 47 degrees. Critical loads of ammunition and water take precedence, followed closely by the mail. Vehicles and helicopters loaded with supplies routinely travel to the Forward Operating Bases across the country side. A trip on a Combat Logistics Patrol is something that you never forget – and will be the topic of next week's article. ■



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This past winter the Kennisis Lake Business Association, with the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife, held their 18th annual snowmobile Poker Run and once again managed to raise considerable funds, some \$7000 in all. Over the years the Poker Run has benefited many local institutions, including the Hospital, and the Dysart Fire Department. This year it was the Fire Department's turn once again, which decided to use the funds to buy a state-of-the-art MSA 5600 Fire Service Thermal Imaging Camera.

Fire Chief Miles Maughan couldn't be happier with the new piece of equipment: "This camera has so many applications that will help us, it's just amazing. It's really sensitive – if you aim it at a person across the room it picks up their body heat immediately, and even registers the temperature." (About 78 F is a normal person's external temperature – the camera delineates a clear image with temperature gauge shown on the side.)

"To give you an example, the afternoon sun hits our Fire Hall pretty much head on. After the sun goes down if you aim the camera at the front wall, it shows clearly the metal studs in the wall – which have retained the heat of the sun. So if we're trying to decide whether or not to break

Dysart Fire Chief Miles Maughan and Haliburton Forest Manager Dave Bishop

through a wall in a house that's on fire, it will show us clearly which studs might be burning, or smouldering, and if there's live fire in the room. When we can't see clearly because of smoke, the camera cuts through the smoke to let us know there are flames, or red-hot walls that might be just a few feet away. The safety and efficiency advantages are huge."

And that's not all: Maughan says the department can use it to locate car crash victims



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who might have been thrown from their cars as a result of an accident. The camera can quickly find the victims who might be unconscious in the dark bush or ditches. Similarly it can find car crash or snowmobile accident victims even through ice in the middle of winter. And it can identify hot spots, say in the attic of a house for example, that may still be dangerous, but which the firefighters were not aware of.

"Another example of how it helps," says Maughan, "is in situations where someone can smell smoke, but none is visible, and there aren't any flames. Often the ballasts in fluorescent lights can over-heat, with no visible smoke or any other evidence. The camera will pick out the dangerous ballast immediately."

The camera can also help contain bush fires: "it will help us determine if a bush or forest fire is really out: often you just can't tell if the fire is still smouldering somewhere underground, with no smoke or flames. The camera picks up those areas right away, so we can deal with them immediately."

Last week Maughan says he even used the camera in Head Lake Park to try and find the suspects in the Caboose fire (again the body heat can give away a person's location in the dark.) "We didn't find them, they'd fled the scene already, but it's just another example of



the versatility of the camera."

Chief Maughan and his entire department would like to thank the Forest Reserve and the Kennisis Lake Business Association for the donation. ■

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Beaver Theatre Group Updates Minden Hills Council

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

"The synergy and timing is perfect in every way." - Fionnuala Martin

The Beaver Theatre is poised to be launched as a new entity in May of 2009 and according to owner Fionnuala Martin and her associates, the synergy and timing is perfect in every way. Martin and her partners, Dagmar Boettcher and Rob Luke made a presentation to the Minden Hills Council last week to bring Council up to date on their plans for the theatre.

Martin says the old building located along the Gull River is now the property of *B. Theatre Ltd.*, a company wholly owned by her that develops properties in the Minden Hills area. She said once the renovations are completed it will operate not only as a theatre but as an all encompassing centre for the arts as well. Martin advised Council that there is no debt on the company which will be renovating the building and bringing it up to building code standards.

According to Martin the building (built in 1954) requires some structural reinforcement. Rob Luke, who has considerable experience with restoration projects will be the contractor responsible to make sure that the building meets all the necessary code requirements. Martin says that she wants to ensure very high environmental standards and in order to achieve that goal she is having an environmental audit completed. The plan is to have a completely 'green' and wheelchair accessible building once renovations are completed.

Martin says she plans to redesign the building including changing the seating to 150 fixed seats that will be placed in the centre of the structure. There will also be a walk-around surrounding the seats to make it more interactive. She told Council that she plans to retain the screen for movies but added that there will be a much more complicated projection system using state of the art digital technology. Martin also said that the plan is to be able to incorporate a small permanent stage at some point in the future as well as a modular one to allow expansion when required.

"The building is visible from 360 degrees and our plan is to clean it up and encourage local artists to work on the outside of the building," said Martin.

Martin also said that she is working with the Haliburton County Development Corporation to see if there is any funding available for her project. Martin is hoping for funding to assist with the retrofit particularly on the environmental side. She added however that even if she is unsuccessful in receiving funding, she is still committed to the building.

"I want to have something to stimulate me when I retire and the economic spin-offs should be good for the community as well," said Martin speaking of employment during construction and after. "This will be a collaborative effort," she said, adding that one of her goals is to enhance opportunities for artists and performers in the area.

Referring to her joint venture with Boettcher and Luke, she said, "Both of my partners live here and when I move here on a permanent basis I plan to be actively involved in the business." Martin, who lives in Toronto for now, has many connections in the area and has been coming to the Highlands since she was a child.

Martin said she's heard a lot of buzz around the community about the theatre and she plans to keep the community up to date. She referred to a recent article by George Farrell in the Communicator and said there are plans to develop a website with lots of information for everyone.

Martin encouraged Council to contact either her or her partners should they have any questions. She also welcomed Council's ideas saying, "This is the first time I've run a business in the area and Council's input is very important to me." Martin also said that it would be a big year next near with the sesquicentennial celebration and she will be available to help in any way she can.

Reeve Jim McMahon said, "This is a great initiative. You're definitely on the right track and talking with the right people." McMahon also advised Martin that there is funding available through a program for façade improvements in the community. Councillors Bill Obee and Peter Oyler both agreed that Martin's plans will make a very positive change to Water Street not to mention enhancing the community overall.

Martin said, "I'm a big believer in the arts and am very flexible and open to ideas. Most importantly, I don't want to conflict with any plans for the community overall." ■



Dagmar Boettcher, Robert Luke, and Beaver Theater owner Fionnuala (Ludu) Martin

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Ladies Auxiliary Annual Celebrations



On Thursday evening, the Haliburton Ladies Auxiliary hosted their annual dinner and awards ceremony at the Haliburton Legion. The Auxiliary is an autonomous organization that is affiliated with the Royal Canadian Legion. Six of the Ladies were awarded service pins for their years of service. Five year, 20 year, 40 year, and 50 year pins were

awarded. Ninety-six year old Auxiliary member Marjory Peel walked to the Legion from her Haliburton home, and she was given a pin for her 30 years of service. Anne Mackay was also honoured for her service as First Vice President. After their dinner, Secretary Mary Hambly and President Laura Bannon brought out a cake for the Ladies to enjoy. Jean Fletcher and Eileen Morrison, who have served 40 and 50 years respectively, had the honour of cutting the cake. "We're a good bunch of Ladies," said Anne Mackay. "We do a lot for the community, but we're an aging group that needs some new membership." ■



Despite Recent Torching, Plans for Caboose will Continue

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>> cinder blocks. Nobody was caring for, or maintaining the caboose. With nobody watching over it, something like a fire was bound to happen."

Kadoke and Past Rotary President Robert denBoer were both present at the Council meeting. Kadoke prefaced his comments by saying that, despite the recent turn of events the committee members decided to follow through with their scheduled meeting to put forward the Rotary Club's thoughts.

According to Kadoke, steam engineer John Vincent gave the club a report in 2007 that confirmed the caboose is salvageable. Kadoke said the club organized a public meeting in February and with about 30 residents in attendance ideas flew from all corners of the room. He said some of the suggestions were a bit off the wall while others were very close to the mark and included everything from setting the caboose up as a student hostel, making it an outpost of the museum for rotating exhibits, using it as a café or chip wagon to returning it to its earlier function as an information centre.

After the public session members of the Rotary committee discussed all of these ideas and decided that the most likely uses included using the caboose as a studio for artists to work in or as an information centre.

Kadoke said he understood the insurance company is looking at repairing the caboose to its original state (something that Fearrey confirmed) which would take the pressure off the Rotary Club. He was quick to add that the Club would still like to be involved.

Kadoke suggested moving the caboose to the west end of the Rails End Gallery and building a ramp extension from the gallery to the platform of the caboose. He also suggested that Rotary's involvement would include moving the caboose after its restoration.

"We'd like to ask for an area in the caboose to display Rotary history," Kadoke said. "We're thinking about where the cupola is above the cupboards; an area not used in the past," denBoer said. "We have a lot of history on the Rotary Club which is now kept in the homes of past presidents. It should be gathered for display." He said the Club had considered putting the material in the museum, but then decided it should be by the gallery.

Councillor Janis Parker suggested moving the caboose prior to its restoration. Fearrey however said there are a lot of logistics involved in moving it and the insurance company must be allowed to do their work first. Concerns were also raised about the security of the caboose to which Fearrey responded, "There has been tremendous community response to the fire and there will be lots of eyes on it."

Kadoke said the Club didn't want to destroy the caboose's historic value. "Prior to the fire we had another idea for the caboose which is no longer valid. We thought about removing one wall and putting in glass panels. Inside would be a diorama with a conductor." The caboose would then be sealed up and a platform constructed around it for viewing."

"It might have been an excellent tourist attraction," denBoer said. "But that idea certainly went up in smoke." denBoer continued to say that their Club had allocated \$3,000 to the project which will still be available. He also commented that the Club had donated \$1500 to the youth centre for a wide screen TV on the condition that the kids help the Rotarians with the project. "This will let them know you don't get something for nothing and also give them ownership and pride in both the project and the caboose."

Mirroring comments made last week by Fearrey, denBoer said, "Out hats are off to Fire Chief Miles Maughan for his department's excellent work in saving as much as they did."

A general discussion took place about the mechanics of moving the caboose which involves putting flats with rails down and towing the caboose across the flats. In response to an inquiry about the cost to move the caboose, Kadoke suggested it could cost up to \$1500 if equipment and labour were donated.

Fearrey said the Rotary Club had chosen to acquire the caboose initially as an information centre. He said, "The Gallery still needs more space and Council will need to decide what is to be done. If the caboose becomes an information centre the gallery will get that much needed space."

"In the interim the insurance company will go ahead," Fearrey said. "The only issue is to talk about putting in tempered glass which is hard to break. It will be an extra cost but possible to do," denBoer said that some of the Rotary funds could help with this cost.

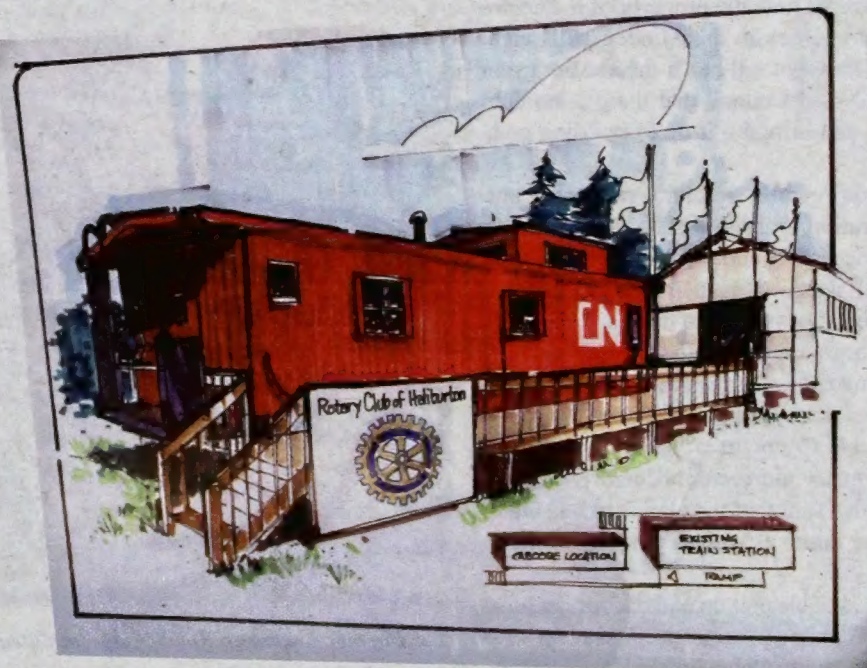
Councillor Derek Knowles questioned relocating the caboose. "As you know I have been a detractor in the past," he said, "But things have changed." Knowles thought the caboose should be away from the Gallery as

it blocks the view of the park and lake from York Street. "I'm concerned there will be too much congestion around the Gallery, but it's mostly about the view." Knowles and denBoer disagreed on the issue of view, but they both agreed to disagree.

Knowles, however, continued to say, "I think we may be rushing things. Council should spend more time considering the location." He also reminded everyone about additional costs to turn the caboose into an information centre. Fearrey confirmed that electrical work would be part of the insurance company's project. Several suggestions were made about installing a small air conditioner, or reconstructing the caboose with windows that could be opened.

Councillor Andrea Roberts saw the benefits of moving the caboose which would provide additional parking. "I like the idea of moving it. With the new gallery entrance and ramp, there would be a seamless flow from one to the other." Councillor Parker suggested doing a composite plan showing the new gallery entrance and patio as well as the caboose placement.

Reeve Fearrey advised Kadoke and denBoer that Council would give the matter further consideration and continue to work with the Rotary Club. The matter will be on Council's agenda next Monday, so caboose buffs should stay tuned for an update next week. ■



Seniors' Condominium Proposed for Old Fleming College Site

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

This week developers Ad Mahlo and Hal Kersey presented a vision to Dysart Council of their Watercolours Condominium proposed for construction at the old Fleming College (and high school) site. Over 250 retirees have already applied to be a part of the development.

Municipal Planner Pat Martin introduced the developers saying that their proposal required an amendment to the Dysart zoning by-law and a site plan agreement for the former college property. Martin said at present the proposal is for a four story, 150-unit residential building but once construction is underway an application for condominium approval will be made.

Martin also said that a number of site specific requirements will have to be met to accommodate the development permit, adding that not all of the background reports have been received. She confirmed that the minimum unit size presently stands at 52 square metres (600 square feet) with 1.2 parking spaces being provided per unit. Of the 186 parking spaces 29 are designated as visitors' spaces.

Ad Mahlo of the Symbol Construction Group Inc. referred to a previous proposal for a smaller condominium project adjacent to St. George's Anglican Church. Mahlo said the development next to the church had some outstanding legal issues regarding entrances and a right-of-way that must be resolved before it can proceed. He said that the Watercolours Condominium was intended to be the second phase of their development. As they didn't want to lose all of the marketing work done on the first project his group decided to pursue this phase first.

Mahlo confirmed that his group has entered into an agreement with Sandlin Developments Limited to purchase the land on Highway 118 and Sunnyside Street. According to Mahlo the property has very different capabilities and values than the property next to the church and they will be able to provide over 50 services to their residents making the development a fully functional seniors' facility.

Given the nature of the project Mahlo said his firm had decided to take on a partner to ensure the success of the larger project. He introduced Hal Kersey, Vice President of the Mady Development Corporation saying that they had been working together for the last month and a half.

Kersey described his company as a family owned firm that has been in business for over 30 years and has offices in both Toronto and Windsor with a satellite office in Dallas. He said the firm had moved to Toronto about 6 years ago and has worked on projects in Oakville and Brampton, among others. According to Kersey the Watercolours Condominium will not be a typical development for them, but he said he believed there was a special niche for seniors in Haliburton and he was looking forward to a successful project here. A look at their website (www.madycorp.com) suggests that the company has experience in developing properties that "combine fabulous landscapes with unmatched functionality to create harmony with the environment for a total living experience."

Mahlo said that a lot of engineering and geo-technical work has already been completed adding that the project will take into consideration the views of both the water and the town. The building will have substantial change

in elevation from front to back. Kersey also assured Council that they want to maintain the forest in the back of the property.

According to Mahlo, the building is expected to include a large viewing room on each floor so all residents take advantage of the lake views. Other facilities will include a large common storage area, an indoor pool and thermal spa overlooking the water, a yoga studio and fitness rooms as well as clinic facilities and in house dining. Mahlo said he had been working with three local restaurateurs about the meal program and the Rails End Gallery about offering art classes to residents.

Questions were raised about the number and price of the units as well as their size range but Mahlo said the square footages as well as costs have not been finalized. He also commented that rather than expanding the building they plan to stay with the 150 units to make sure the project is a success based on the market for this type of residence. Kersey said, "We want this project to be our landmark."

Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "We're very positive about this development." Council then passed a resolution approving the application for processing. The project will be subject to a public meeting on July 7th at 5:00 p.m. in the Dysart Council Chambers.

Mahlo also commented that Planner Martin's assistance had been exceptional. He advised Council that they will rent a showroom office next to St. George's Church once they have approval and they will be advertising the units and issuing a press release. ■

30th Annual Home Show a Success

Over 3000 People and 140 Different Vendors Attend
This Year's Event

The 30th annual Haliburton Home and Cottage Show drew in over 3000 people and 140 different vendors for the three-day event from Friday, May 30 – Sunday, June 1. The show was held in both the Dysart Community Centre and the Haliburton Curling Club.

"It went really well," said show manager Wayne Hussey. "I would say that this was the biggest growth year I've seen since doing the show for the past 14 years."

Hussey says that of those people he has spoken with, all have said that there was an excellent variety of vendors at the show. He adds that the show is "not just for Haliburton village, but it is for the entire County."

To officially open the show, Haliburton County Reeve Eleanor Harrison, Dysart Et Al Deputy Reeve Bill Davis, Curling Club President Bruce Martin and Hussey joined together for a ribbon cutting ceremony

The show is designed to provide help to those with a home or cottage project in mind. Decorating items, gifts, experts, gifts and free draws were featured at the annual event.

Martin Russell, owner of Sears in Haliburton says that this year's Home Show was one of the best he's seen yet.

"It was successful in the manner that I got the opportunity to see some of my old customers and make new ones," said Russell. "I think that this year there was a better turnout. As far as sales go, we neared what we've done in the past."

Hussey also said that The Tastes of Haliburton, which featured different foods from the local area, was a nice touch to the event. ■



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"Wild About Nature" Gala Fundraises for Sustainability

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Recognizes Local "Heroes"

The Haliburton Highlands is gradually usurping the Muskokas as the destination of choice for new land acquisition in Ontario's cottage country.

The reasons for this mass migration are myriad, but center in the main upon the dwindling availability of waterfront property in the teeming Muskokas.

Studies indicate that as many as 6,000 new permanent residents will come to claim the Highlands as their new home within the next five years. The impact upon

shorelines, surrounding forests and wetlands can be devastating if these incursions are not managed in a manner that is commensurate with sustainability. Unbridled development and the subsequent chaos caused by unmanaged growth was hearkened by a Rocky Mountain naturalist, who once said: "They came to Banff to discover nature ... and they found The Gap."

Banff is measured and managed by three levels of government and should stand as a cautionary tale for all Canadians who well and truly believe in the efficacy of the bureaucratic process as it pertains to conservation, preservation and eco-system management. However well intentioned, bureaucracy often rolls on wheels that are grossly under inflated. Henry David Thoreau, the patron of environmental activism, wrote, "As if you could kill time without injuring eternity." Every step into the forest leaves an indelible footprint upon our future.

Local non-government organizations (NGOs) formed by concerned citizens across Canada are taking steps destined to bring the environment and ecological management into native spheres of influence. Based on a premise that local issues are best managed on a grassroots management rubric, rural residents are growing increasingly impatient with slow government response to environmental concerns. Land trusts are emerging as a force for environmental change in Canada.

In September 2003 a panel sponsored by Environment Haliburton! (EH!) decided to explore issues surrounding environmental impact in this area and to assess whether there was interest in forming a land trust as a way of preserving the natural progression of development in this county. A Board of Directors was set up in January of 2004 and the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) was incorporated in March of 2005. Since then, the Land Trust has undertaken to bring environmental issues to the people of the Highlands, via email, website, joint venture and proactive distribution of literature.

The mission of the HHLT is to "acquire, hold, manage, preserve and enhance lands and waters ... of natural, environmental and/or aesthetic value for conservation purposes."

They espouse a mandate to "conserve the plants, wildlife and clean water of Haliburton County to ensure a legacy of forests, fields and wetlands and the species they nurture."



Ian Daniel, Tim Nicholson and Sheila Ziman

In March of 2007 the HHLT acquired its first piece of property, a 22-acre island near the north shores of Kennis Lake. Donated by Bruce Carruthers, in memory of his wife Norah, the island was appropriately named Norah's Island by the land trust and is now jointly managed by the HHLT and the Kennis Lake Cottage Owners Association.

Wild About Nature Fundraiser Recognizes Local "Heroes"

Proactive development of a viable ecological strategy requires funding. With that in mind the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust held its first annual fundraising event last Saturday evening (May 31) at the Minden Hills Community Centre.

The "Wild About Nature" Gala was organized not only to provide funding for future land acquisitions, but also to recognize the efforts and contributions of many of the individuals, organizations and businesses responsible for furthering the case for the environment in and around the Highlands. These candidates were nominated in six categories including Education & the Environment, Stewardship, "Green" Business, the Arts & the Environment, Health & the Environment and Enviro-Hero of the Year. An auction of local art donated by artisans, painters and naturalists in the county formed the evening's centerpiece event.

The judges, Barb Bolin of the Haliburton Highlands Land Stewardship Council, County Warden Eleanor Harrison and HHLT director Barrie Martin, were responsible for choosing the winners in each of the six categories.

The winners in each category received a special award designed by past Land Trust director and renowned Gelert artist, Mary Anne Barkhouse.

Sheila Ziman - who chairs the fundraising committee for the HHLT - in her opening remarks to the audience of about 110 residents and cottagers, said that the organization has the support of "all three levels of government," adding that governmental backing is intrinsic to maintenance of goals and the continued progress of provincial land trusts. She read a letter of support from local MPP Laurie Scott (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock) who was unable to attend because of scheduling conflicts. Conservative MP Barry Devolin (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock) was in attendance and did lend his support for the local Land Trust in a short presentation at the beginning of the evening.

"A land trust is permanent," said Devolin, adding that sheltered lands will be "set aside in perpetuity" as a legacy to those who follow. He added that as a young father with two young children (George, 5 and Molly, 3), he is becoming increasingly aware of the price we all pay for mismanagement of natural resources. He congratulated the event organizers and pledged support for their cause. "When your kids start to grow up, you see the world again through their eyes."

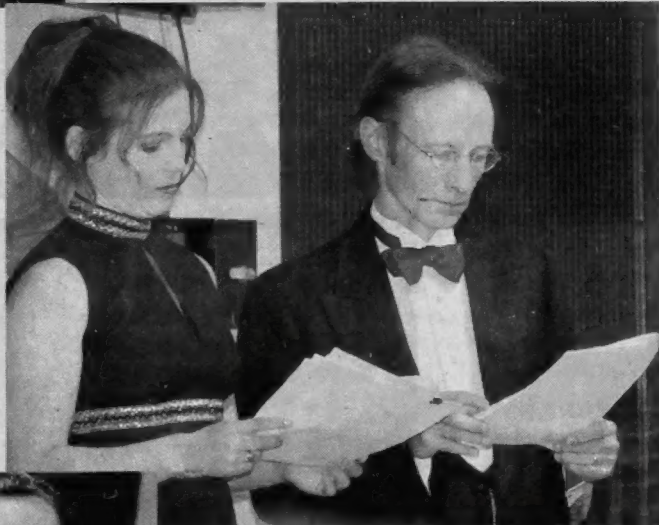
Devolin said he feels lucky to live in an area, which inculcates such a sense of wonder and discovery. "They (George and Molly) are constantly bringing me things that they find outside ... and questions," laughed Devolin. "Fortunately, Ed Poropat lives next door ... and I tell them, 'go and ask Ed,' he'll know."

Coincidentally, Poropat, an educator, birder, kayaker, environmental activist and renowned butterfly and dragonfly aficionado won the Stewardship Award presented by Neil Campbell, member of the HHLT Board Of Directors. Self-effacing as always, Poropat thanked the board for the award, and then his family for their continued support of his hobbies and eclectic passions. "Well, I call them hobbies and they are my passion," chuckled Poropat. "My wife and children call them obsessions."

Which is a nice self-deprecating statement, but one that belies the overarching fact that the environmental movement stalls if not for the passion, vigor and "obsession" of its most vocal and active proponents. The ordinary people like Ed Poropat, the businesses that strive to bring their passion and acumen to the struggle for sustainability and the organizations, which challenge mores and tradition and describe a new blueprint for the future.

Not surprising then, that the Gala's most coveted prize, Enviro-Hero of the Year Award, was presented to Heather Ross, the first President of Environment Haliburton!

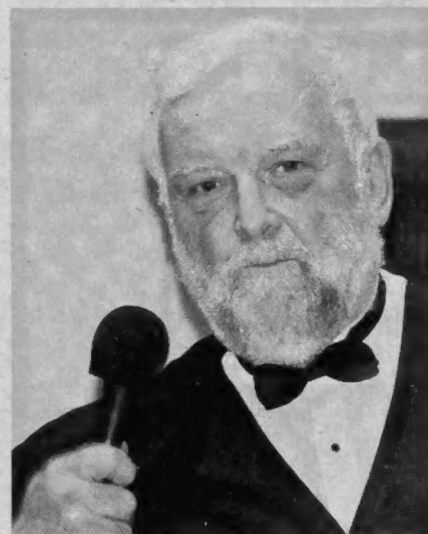
According to the program, the 'Hero Award' is presented to "an individual, landowner, business or organization that has contributed in a unique and important way in 2007 to the protection and sustainability of our natural resources and



MC's Kathryn Boyd and Tim Nicholson



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Haliburton ATV Association Braves Brutal Weather

It was pouring rain on the morning of Saturday May 31, but that didn't stop the Haliburton ATV Association from hosting a trail ride at the Bonnie View Inn. The event was sponsored by Bombardier Can-Am, which took the opportunity to show off their 2009 ATV Models.

"We want to bring as much tourism into the area as possible," said HATVA President Mark Coles. "When we have events like this, there is a lot of spin off business. Today we're hosting it at the Bonnie View, and everybody is eating breakfast and buying products from the Inn. We have similar events at the Pinestone and the South Winds Motel. Lots of people are coming from outside the county, and they're buying gas, and shopping here. We have members in the HATVA that come from as far away as Niagara. We're a very large club, with over 600 members. We also have the largest trail system in Ontario."

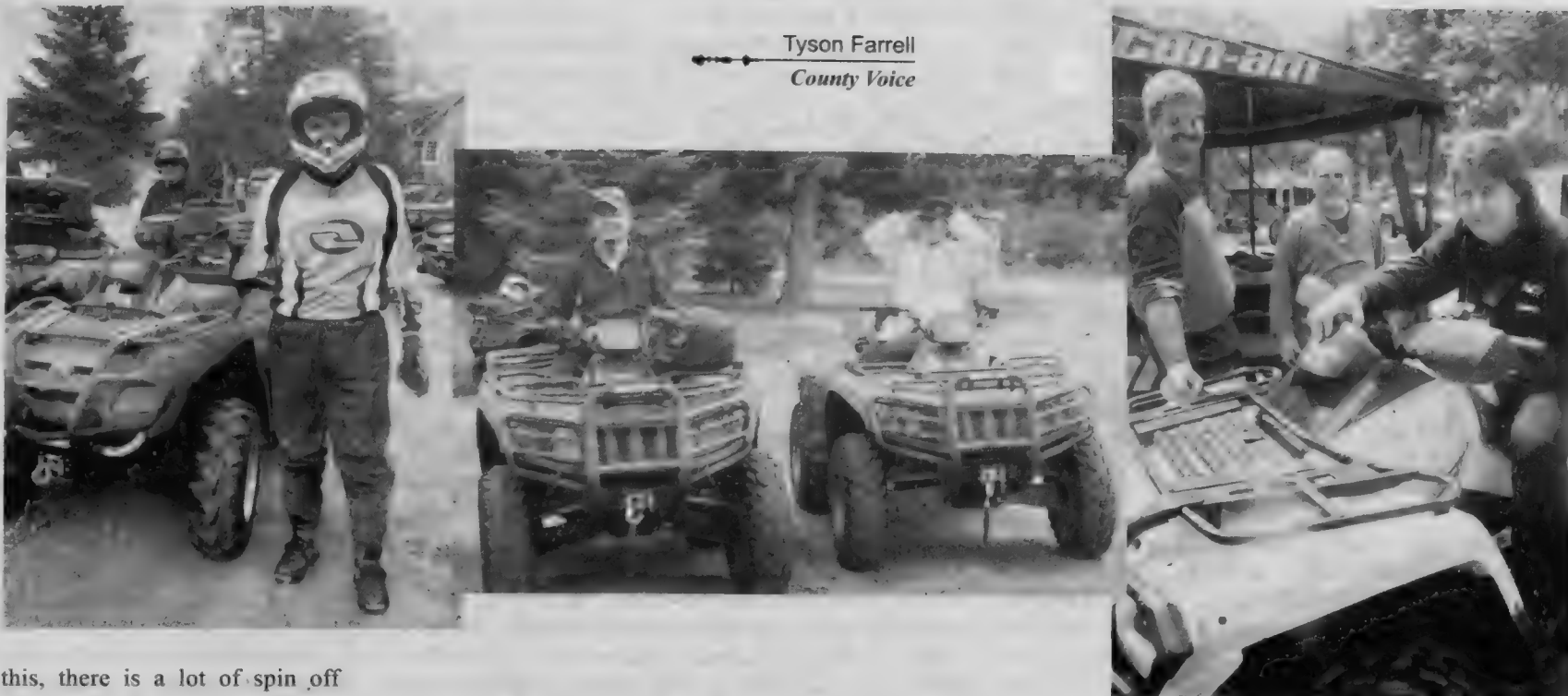
At the event, riders were able to go on a 66 kilometre trail ride, along the Gooderham trail. There were guided trail rides, as well as free test rides on the new Bombardier ATVs. Quebec Bombardier officials instructed riders on safety and proper operation procedures before test rides began. There was also a paramedic onsite, in case anybody got injured. Despite the brutal rain, riders took to the trails. "This has to be the worst weather I've ever seen at one of our events," Coles said. "But at least there won't be any dust on the rail trail. The weather doesn't matter though, people will ride regardless. They'll just wear rain suits, and get on with it."

Although the HATVA's event was not a fundraiser, many of their events are. "We do a lot to support the local community," Coles said. "We have fundraisers for the Stanhope Firefighters, HHHS, and other groups." The HATVA also does a great deal of work on the railway. They regularly clean garbage from the side of the trails, and do maintenance work on bridges. One of the biggest problems the Association has is ATVs riding on the railway out of season. "HATVA wardens patrol the rail trail to catch people that shouldn't be on there. By-law officers also come out with us, and hand out fines to violators. Before the Association came into existence six years ago, there was total chaos on the rail trail. People were speeding, dumping fridges and tires, and doing whatever they wanted. The trail is a lot better managed now," Coles said.

Another problem that the HATVA is forced to address is alcohol consumption on the rail trail. Empty beer cans and bottles are frequently found by the side of the trail. "There is a zero-alcohol policy in our association, but we rarely need to enforce it. When we clean the trails in the spring, we find a lot of empty bottles. When we clean it again in the fall, we barely find any. ATVs aren't the ones that drink on the trails. They have problems with it in southern Ontario, but not here."

Fortunately for the all the riders at the Bonnie View, the rain let up by mid morning. Although it was replaced by very humid heat, the riders did not mind. Over 100 people went on the trail rides, and many enjoyed the Bombardier test ride. ■

Tyson Farrell
County Voice



Land Trust Celebration

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>> environment through education, stewardship, healthy living, green business or the arts in Haliburton County."

Ross was in attendance in the early part of the evening, but had to leave early because she was feeling unwell. Ziman said that Ross was chosen for her unstinting support of environmental issues and because of her tireless work on behalf of EH!

"Operating from deeply held principles, Heather generously applies her considerable knowledge to issues ranging from aggregates to greenhouse gasses to wetlands," said Ziman. The program description also outlined Ross's "substantive letters on behalf of EH! to bureaucrats, politicians and newspapers ... she has made presentations on behalf of EH! to municipal councils and to the Ontario Municipal Board. She staffs the EH! Booth on hot summer days handing out informational brochures to the public."

Ross is also involved in the Children's Water Festival and supervises U-Links (University studies) students who take on EH! Projects throughout the course of the school year.

Other winners last Saturday included Margaret and Peter Brogden, who won in the category of Health and the Environment. The Brogdens have been instrumental in developing ski, bike and hiking trails in the area for many years.

Jim McHardy was the winner in the category of Environmental Education. Jim is the Director of Kinark Outdoor Centre and has been Chair of the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council for many years.

Winner of the Green Business award was Peter Schleifenbaum who created a sustainable industry in a large private tract of land known as the Haliburton

Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The program explained that Schleifenbaum's "respect for and understanding of natural ecosystems has led him to develop sustainable forestry practices that are renowned." Reserve manager Dave Bishop accepted the award on behalf of Schleifenbaum.

The Award for The Arts and Environment went to a very well known local landscape artist John Lennard. He is a talented artist, a member of the Society of Canadian Artists, and an active supporter and proponent of land rights and environmental issues. His donated art topped the bidding during the live auction portion of the event last Saturday evening.

Co-hosts for the evening were Tim Nicholson and Kathryn Boyd and the auctioneer Jack Brezina kept all of the bidding patrons honest. ■

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New Equipment for Local Hospitals

Tyson Farrell
County Voice

Last week the Haliburton Highlands Health Services proudly announced the purchase of several new items for the Minden and Haliburton Hospital sites an HHHS open house. The sites received brand new Picture Archiving Communications Systems X-ray systems, as well as renovated emergency rooms. The items are a product of government, Hospital Auxiliary, and HHHS funds. At the open house, the recent purchases were displayed, and guests were given a tour of the hospitals by HHHS members.

"The PACS system is a great archiving and X ray system," said HHHS board member Olaf Kraulis. "The PACS takes digital X-rays, instead of film ones. This allows X-rays to be electronically sent to remote locations for consultation. It's a valuable piece of equipment, worth about \$731,000. The HHHS still has fund about \$190,000 of it. Fortunately, the Health Infrastructure Renewal Programme helped pay for the new purchases, with about \$100, 000." Since its purchase, the medical staff has been very pleased with the new system. "The system reads the X-rays, and displays them quickly on the computer screen. Doctors can manipulate the image, darkening

it, rotating it, and more. Doctors can also select certain parts of image to look at. For example, the can focus only on the ribs within an image. Since doctors can manipulate the image they don't have to take as many X-rays, which means that the patients are exposed to less radiation. The less radiation patients are exposed to, the better. The quality of the image is also far better," said X-ray technologist Keriann Griffin. "Before we got the PAC, we physically had to send the X-ray film away for consultation, which took days. Since the X-rays images are now sent electronically, it's far quicker. The PACS system is great.

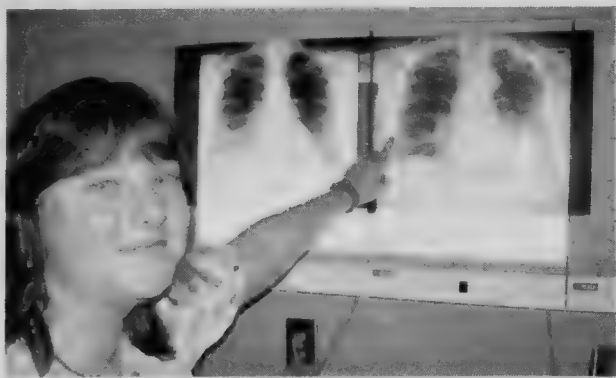
We're so happy with it."

The medical staff is also extremely pleased with the recently renovated emergency reception rooms. There is now a physical barrier that encloses the nurse's stations at both the Minden and Haliburton sites. The barrier is partially a response to the SARS crisis, and the possibility of other infectious epidemics, which would require greater protection for medical staff. "We felt that we had to upgrade the emergency room to protect the staff and patients more. It's a better use of space. The triage nurse is now

enclosed, which protects her, and gives her more privacy with the patient. The new glass door to the triage nurse will soon be tinted, to increase privacy further," said manager of patient care services Deb Watson. "The

nurses had a great deal of input with the renovations. It's their workplace, so we made sure that they were part of the process. They went to the manufacturers showrooms to select material, and helped to decide the parameters. The renovations at the Minden and Haliburton sites cost about \$50,000 each. We were surprised that it cost so little." Since the renovations finished early this spring, doctors and nurses have enjoyed the new renovations, saying that it makes their jobs easier.

The HHHS and the local Hospital Auxiliaries are extremely pleased with the recent purchases and renovations, but their fundraising campaign is far from over. They continue to relentlessly raise funds within the community to improve the local health care facilities. ■



X-Ray Technologist Keriann Griffin shows off the new PACS.



Manager of Patient Care Services Deb Watson & Keriann Griffin



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Sweeping for Skating

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Volunteers Help Prepare Area for Temporary Sk8Park

Child volunteers with brooms in hand swept the surface of the Minden Arena parking lot on Thursday, May 29. The site, which is a work in progress, will hold a temporary skate park.

"Today we're going to get the spot ready as a temporary skate park," said Rick Cox, Director of Community Services. "It will get resurfaced in June. We'll probably have it here for a couple of years," said Cox.

A permanent skate park used to be located in the Minden fairgrounds but was removed because the surface was cracking and flaking. Cox said that there wasn't enough money to repair the park properly, so the decision was made to just remove everything to make it a safe area.

The idea of putting the temporary park in the parking lot stemmed from the mind of 10-year-old Jake Elmare. Cox put him up to the challenge and Elmare gladly accepted.

"I told him we needed a skate park because he tore out the other one," said Jake.

"I said, 'I'll show you a way to put it in and I'll find the place to put it.' Now it's starting to get built today and that's pretty cool."

The group of kids used brooms donated by Minden Home Hardware to sweep off debris and small stones in the area. After sweeping, the kids (many of whom are skateboarding enthusiasts) identified spots to place curb stops for "grinding" on and jumping over with skateboards.



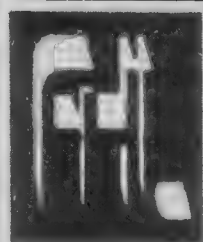
"We'll use one area of the parking lot for the next number of weeks until the resurfacing can take place in another section," said Cox.

"It's great for the kids to be able to show what it is they can do," said Joanna Penfold of the Minden Rotary Club.

Following the outdoor sweeping, the group went inside the Minden Community Centre to grab some refreshments and brainstorm ideas about the skate park. Inside, Penfold asked for volunteer help to plan a skateboard demonstration at the Rotary Carnival to be held July 29-30.

After throwing out several ideas, the group decided to host a Much Music Video Dance for Friday, July 4 in the Minden Arena. There were also many other ideas under consideration that would be organized to help raise funds to go towards the park.

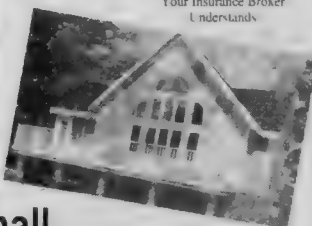
The Much Music Video Dance Sk8Park Frenzy will be held from 7:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m. on Friday, July 4. Tickets go on sale on Monday, June 16 and cost \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. Advance tickets can be purchased from the Township office on 7 Milne St. in Minden during regular business hours. ■



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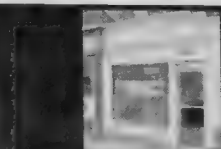


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Gravel Pit Debacle

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

It was apparent from this week's Dysart et al Council meeting that there are times when a Municipal Council simply cannot please everyone, no matter how much information they have before them or how hard they try to make the right decisions. This was evidenced by a delegation that approached Council on Monday about what could be classified as a phantom gravel pit on Backwoods Lane in Guilford.

Things got started when an application was submitted last summer by Dale Griffin to operate a gravel pit on land owned by Jamie Griffin and Cindy Vader on Backwoods Lane. (Dale) Griffin holds a lease on the 100 acre parcel for the gravel rights and maintains that the property has been used as a gravel pit on at least two separate occasions in the past. While quarrying applications are handled by the Ministry of Natural Resources, as part of their process Griffin was required to either get a zoning amendment from the Municipality or have the pit grandfathered as an accepted non conforming use.

On learning about the application Kathy Adams & her husband Corey, whose property is directly across from the proposed pit, formally made an objection to Council, holding the opinion that the industrial use would adversely affect their quality of life and the value of their property. In September of 2007 Council determined there was no clear evidence that a gravel pit had ever existed and they would not approve non-conforming use status.

According to Adams the couple was considering putting their house on the market and looking for a new home, given their understanding that the matter of the gravel pit was resolved. Adams said, "We loved our home and the area and didn't really want to leave," but the distance that her husband had to drive to work was excessive. They proceeded with their plans. Unbeknownst to them and at the same time, Griffin apparently met with both MNR and Council several times, continuing to pursue his original application.

Finally in March, Griffin was again scheduled to meet with Council and Adams was invited to attend. By this time the Adams couple was in the midst of the sale of their property and had purchased another property. The sale had not closed at that point in time.

Griffin produced maps and statements made by neighbours for Council's consideration that seemed to indicate there had been a pit in operation in the past. Adams and her husband, accompanied by a number of supporters argued vehemently against Council giving Griffin further consideration and offered their own evidence from an adjacent land owner that there had never been a pit at the site. Adams even suggested that the statements offered by Griffin had been received as a result of coercion and questioned his credibility.

After listening to arguments for and against the application, Council decided they had insufficient information to make a decision. At the time Reeve Murray Fearrey advised that Council had been given too much conflicting information and that it was beyond their mandate to rule either in favor or against the request made by Griffin. Fearrey advised both parties to seek legal advice to resolve the matter.

The sale of the Adams property subsequently fell through, according to Adams due to the outstanding legal suit involving the two parties.

This week, Kathy Adams, Debora Price and Rainer Malcharek accompanied by a handful of supporters, all addressed Council once again on the issue. Malcharek, whose family owns three parcels of land totaling over 200 acres on Backwoods Lane, spoke first. While he confirmed that his family was not overly concerned with property values or the impact of a gravel pit as much as the others, he wanted to clarify that he has first hand knowledge that there had never been a gravel pit in the area. His parents had owned their property since 1969 and he claimed to be very familiar with the land.

Malcharek confirmed that the Adams family has been adversely affected given the claim about the gravel pit. He added that the Price family, who bought their property adjacent to the proposed pit in good faith, will also be adversely affected. Malcharek sympathized to some extent with Council, saying that they no doubt faced numerous gravel pit issues. However, he said, "It irks me that a spurious claim like this could override the good laws of the land and it should not be allowed." Malcharek advised Council that the case is now going to Superior Court and he encouraged them to participate in the case to defend the integrity of land use legislation.

Debora Price then spoke of her distress earlier in the year when she and her husband purchased their land, only to learn shortly thereafter about what she called "the bogus gravel pit." She said she had since become very knowledgeable about the Aggregate Resources Act and the associated application process, saying "I'm sure you can appreciate that this entailed a learning curve I would have preferred to have foregone."

Price said, "As the steward of what is an environmentally sensitive area, I am confident Council is aware that it has a moral responsibility and fiduciary obligation to protect the interests of the taxpayer through a re-affirmation of the established zoning plan." She continued to say that Council should defend their decisions to deny applications for zoning variances. Price also said, "In light of the fabricated nature of the gravel pit in question, it is imperative that Council act, in order to deter future fraudulent zoning applications," and suggested that, "As much as certain

"It irks me that a spurious claim like this could override the good laws of the land."

(R. Malcharek)



Kathy Adams, Rainer Malcharek and Debora Price

members of Council would prefer to abstain from participating in a legal hearing, such abstention is not a viable option in view of the delays caused by Council throughout the application process."

Price went on to say they would not have closed the purchase of their home in January if they had been informed of the situation and urged Council to participate in the hearing to defend the zoning decision they made in September and reaffirmed in March.

Adams, who was visibly shaken by the entire matter, made her presentation last. She reviewed the steps taken by Council and remonstrated their handling of the case, particularly about not inviting them to the table when Griffin met with Council. She had hoped for an opportunity to seek what she called creative or innovative solutions. Adams also spoke about the loss she and her husband had incurred because of Council's failure to act in a timely way and the resulting legal fees, not to mention the impact of the stress she had suffered.

Adams suggested that through her interaction with Council members it was evident that they are inexperienced with the challenges associated with the approval process for the use of aggregate resources. However, she maintained the Dysart Council had let them down and asked for a commitment by Council to attend the Superior Court hearing in July to defend their earlier decisions.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said, "We understand your frustration. However, Council didn't change their minds without evidence from Mr. Griffin that appeared to solidify his case."

Price spoke of a meeting with MNR and suggested that there were problems there as well due to the actions of an inexperienced staff member. According to Price she has been informed that the individual in question will be held accountable for his poor handling of the situation.

Malcharek reiterated that there was nothing to see on the land in question other than old lumber roads. He said, "If Council wants to evaluate the merits of the case you should ask Dale Griffin to show you the area in question. The facts are clear, there was nothing happening there in the 70's or at any time since."

Fearrey referred to statements that Griffin had submitted to them, saying that since that time the person who had signed them had reversed their decision. He then thanked those present saying, "We have heard your position and will review the situation once again." Fearrey also noted that given possible litigation further discussion on the matter should be conducted in closed session.

One of the things that became clear from comments made by Fearrey during the meeting was that the Municipality had been given no notice of the court case. The court date has been set for July 15th. According to Price there has been at least four weeks for Council to be served notice. Price speculated to the County Voice that Dysart had not been served by Griffin's lawyer yet leaving Council no time to prepare for the case.

Conversely, this could also provide Council with cause to request a delay in the case. Stay tuned. ■

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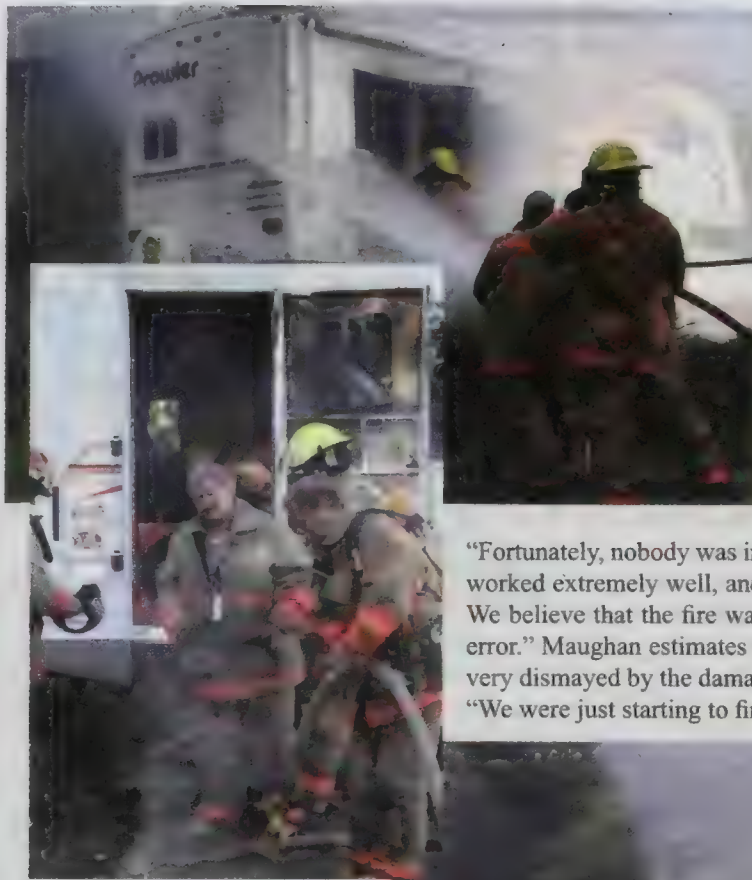
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Fire Destroys Couple's New 5th Wheel

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Carmen Peters was working on his Highway 118 house near Parish Line on Monday morning when his new fifth wheel Prowler trailer burst into fire. Peters went around his house to go inside when he noticed smoke rising from the trailer. "I didn't open the door of the trailer, in case flames jumped out," Peters said. "I also realized that opening the door would feed oxygen to the fire." Upon seeing the fire, he ran inside and called 911. The fire department received the call at 8:13AM, and they were on location by 8:18. "The owner was smart not to open the door, because the lack of oxygen starved the fire. As a result, the fire was smoldering when we arrived," said Dysart Fire Chief Miles Maughan.

"Fortunately, nobody was inside the trailer at the time of the fire. The fire crew worked extremely well, and was able to extinguish the fire in about 15 minutes. We believe that the fire was caused by an electrical short, and not by human error." Maughan estimates the damage at approximately \$15,000. Peters was very dismayed by the damage. "We only bought the trailer last April," he said. "We were just starting to find some good camping spots." ■



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Getting Hitched in Minden Hills Made Easier

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

Couples wanting to tie the knot in a non-religious, civil ceremony will soon find making arrangements a bit easier in Minden Hills. It's as simple as giving Municipal Clerk Cheryl McCarroll a call to set up an interview.

According to a background report given to Council last week only Judges and Justices of the Peace were allowed to solemnize civil marriages prior to September of 2004. With the court systems becoming more and more inundated with cases, Court Officials have been directed to focus their attentions on court-related responsibilities and access to civil marriage services has become increasingly difficult.

In efforts to alleviate this situation and increase access to civil marriages in Ontario, the Province passed Regulation 285/04 under the Marriage Act in the fall of 2004 to designate Municipal Clerks as individuals authorized to officiate over civil marriages. Up until now the Township has only offered a service to provide marriage licenses and the Clerk has been responsible to ensure that all the paperwork is in order, making a couple eligible to be married. Couples were required to look elsewhere for someone to officiate.

In her report to Council, McCarroll confirmed that she has completed the Civil Marriage Solemnization Training and she proposed to enhance this service by offering couples the option of having her officiate at their ceremony. As required by provincial legislation, Council needed to first adopt a by-law directing that the service be implemented and forward it to the Province in order to receive a Register. Council was also required to amend their fees and charges by-law to include

fees for civil marriage solemnizations.

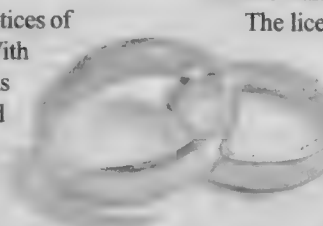
There are a few guidelines for couples to follow and several options available for their consideration. Should a couple decide to take advantage of the service a pre-service interview will be conducted and both applicants must attend. The couple must also ensure that they have obtained a valid Ontario Marriage License within three months of the proposed date of marriage.

The licenses can be obtained at the Minden Hills municipal office, but licenses issued from another municipality will also be accepted, providing all relevant documents are brought to the pre-service interview. However, McCarroll (and in fact all Officials) will have the discretion to decide whether either the pre-service interview or the service itself does not proceed under certain circumstances.

Applicants have the option of having their ceremony held in the Council Chambers. The couple will also have a choice to hold the service at another location, but that will need to be approved at the Clerk's discretion at the pre-service interview. In addition applicants are responsible to ensure that two witnesses are available for the service.

You might think you're almost there, but two more conditions apply. Should an interpreter be necessary for any reason they must be in attendance at the pre-service interview as well as the service to assist with completing documents. If either applicant is sixteen or seventeen years of age they will need the consent of their parents.

Copies of the Civil Marriage Service Guidelines, a pre-service interview check-list and rental contracts are available at the Municipal Office. For further information, give McCarroll a call at 705-286-1260. ■



Pastor Says Drugs Easily Available in Haliburton

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>> care. There is every kind of drug on the streets of Haliburton now. People think that's its just nickel and dime stuff, but it's not. There's an abundance of cocaine, ecstasy, marijuana, and more. Alcohol is prevalent, because it's so accessible.

Drugs are a problem for youth in the Highlands, and its getting worse. Not every kid hanging out on the streets in town is doing drugs, but a lot of them are. It's happening right in front of our faces. I know who the drugs dealers are, and I'm the pastor. The drug pushers are right on main street for all to see.

"In the Highlands, I see two different types of drugs abuse. There are the kids that aren't generally well supported in life, and they get involved with drugs to fit in, or to self medicate their anxiety. Then there are the kids that are really well supported, and their parents allow them to party hard." Although Bretzlaff believes that drugs are a local problem, he realizes that they are part of a far bigger picture. "In our society, kids aren't given the opportunity to fail. Even the school system ensures that no matter what children do, they don't fail. They therefore don't learn the value of failure. They don't learn the limits, and the lessons. Children think that they're invincible. It's not a healthy attitude. There are a lot of youth in Haliburton that think they can do cocaine, and they won't get hurt. They think that they can do addictive drugs, and not get addicted. Children are allowed to do drugs, and they don't get punished. So addiction perpetuates itself, and people just say 'boys will be boys.' Children best understand the language of consequences, yet we're raising them in a society without consequences."

Bretzlaff is determined to help those affected by drugs, so he travels to court to support them. "From time to time I got to court and sit with the families of these youth who have committed crimes while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. I sit in the court room usually all day, because I want to establish my presence there with the judge. In the days of sitting in court I don't know if I have heard a case

yet that did not start with the phrase 'while under the influence of...' All day, over and over again, the same case. It's different people, but the same case. 'While under the influence of...', all day long. Our justice is completely bogged down and totally overwhelmed because of the unbelievable mass of cases stemming from drug and alcohol abuse."

Like so many people, Bretzlaff believes the media plays a large role in substance abuse. "Almost every movie that comes to our local theatre either trivializes or glorifies the abuse of drugs and alcohol. Meanwhile we work in our schools to

provide healthy snacks and hot lunches because it is too hard to see children from homes devastated by alcohol abuse coming to our schools hungry. I'm talking about children in Haliburton schools. in our community," Bretzlaff said. "Drug abuse might have been funny in the Cheech and Chong movies in the 80's and it might be an adrenaline rush in the next Miami Vice movie, but it is not funny in our schools. I've got grade five students getting busted by the police for drug possession. That's not funny either."

Although Bretzlaff clearly believes that there is a serious youth drug problem within the Highlands, he believes that there is still hope. "We do have a drug problem in our community,

but the good news is it is as much our problem to solve as it is anything else. Being part of the solution is challenging, but by no means is it some kind of mystery like the cure for cancer. The challenge stares us square in the face. The only question left is do we care enough about our community and our kids to seriously take on the challenge?"

Bretzlaff encourages youth struggling with substance abuse to seek counseling and get help. "If drugs and alcohol is wrecking your life get help," he said. "Get help now! Drugs don't care about your social status. Being addicted to an addictive substance isn't a sign of weakness anymore than being wet because you were exposed to rain is a sign of weakness. If your brain chemistry has been repeatedly exposed to addictive substances, you are going to need some help dealing with that. It feels good to start really dealing with it. It feels good to start making right choices. It is really hard. You will need support. That's why communities exist. That's why there are now drug recovery groups in the Highlands. These groups can help people with their hurts, habits, and hang-ups. We need to fight drugs together. We need to talk about it together, and most importantly, work together for change." ■



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Health Services Host Gruelling County-Wide Race

Tyson Farrell
County Voice

On Thursday May 29th Health Services staff from around the county hosted their annual *Amazing Race* event. The event had participants travelling to various checkpoints where they completed arduous tasks and received clues which led them to the next checkpoint. Eight four-person teams participated, and more than 20 volunteers helped out.

"There were no prizes, and it wasn't a fundraiser. It was just for fun. It was a fun-raiser," said event organizer RN Michelle Douglas. "It was all health care providers, and the EMS and OPP staff were invited to join. There were 11 check points in total.

There first one was at the Haliburton town docks. It was hosted by Boatwerks, and they supplied kayaks and all of the equipment. In order to complete the challenge, teams had to race across the entire length of Head Lake. After that, the teams split off and went to different check points. There was one at the Independent grocery store in which all four team members had to constantly keep a hand on a grocery cart and locate certain items within the store. There was also a stop at the Northwood, in which teams participated in a "Don't Forget the Lyrics" game. Teams would sing karaoke, and then

the music would shut off. The team would have to remember the next lines on their own, without musical accompaniment. After each challenge was completed, teams received envelopes that contained the location of the next check point."

In an attempt to truly test the participants, the organizers created a wide variety of challenges. "The fish hatchery hosted a challenge. Teams had to put their foot in a bucket full of live minnows, and pull out a gummy worm with their toes. At the

Haliburton Highlands Driving Range, teams had to mini putt blindfolded. There was even an event in which teams literally had to find a needle in a hay stack. Well, it was a medical syringe, but that's still a needle," Douglas said. "There was also hot dog eating contests, go-carting, and tricycle races."

Although the competition was stiff, the Heavenly Hot Highland Sisters completed the race in the least amount of time, and were victorious. The team comprised of long term care workers Dorothy Winterburn, Janine Burk, Janet Horsley,

and Jenni Sisson. "The event was great. It was a lot of fun," said victor Dorothy Winterburn. "It was good getting staff from the Minden and Haliburton Hospital sites together. It was also great to get managers and employees out together. We forgot about work, and had some fun. When asked if she will participate in the Amazing Race next year, Winterburn replied, "Of course I will. Our team needs to defend our title. It was a great day, with beautiful weather. It was so nice out I even managed to get a sunburn."■



Janine Burk- go carting, from the team Heavenly Hot Hyland Sisters



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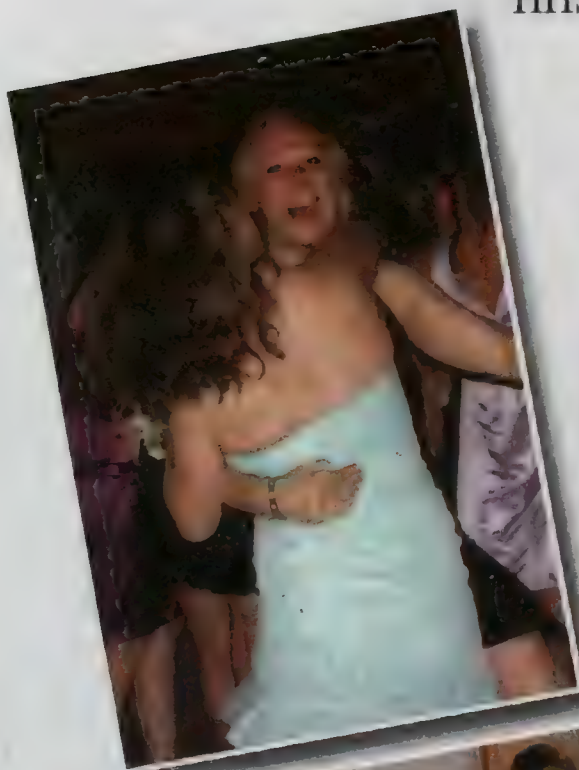


Students Dance the Night Away

HHSS Annual Prom Takes on 'Enchanted Forest' Theme

Students of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) were busy dancing the night away on Friday, May 30 at this year's annual prom.

With an "enchanted forest" theme, the dance was held at the Highlands Grand Ballroom in the Delta Pinestone Resort. A total of 212 tickets were sold for the annual event. Couples tickets sold for \$75 and singles went for \$40. ■



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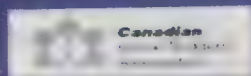
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Principal of Stuart Baker Makes Decision to Leave 33-Year Career

Laura Salverda
Staff Reporter

After five years as principal of Stuart Baker Elementary School, Micheline (Roy) Johnson, is retiring from a 33-year career in education, at 51.

Johnson said yes, she started teaching at 17 years, and she was teaching Grade Seven. The kids in her class were 12, she was 17.

"I got so many love letters," Johnson said, with a big smile. "I still have them all."

Johnson doubled up two years in high school, and university, so she could graduate early and get to work – in English – most of her family still only speaks French. Part of that drive probably came from her childhood, her family didn't have much. Growing up in Hearst Ontario, Johnson was sixth in a line of 10 children.

"We were a very simple family," Johnson admitted. "My father was illiterate, he could not read and write. My mother did all of that for him."

So Johnson becoming an educator, and finishing university and teachers' college at 17, must have been a shocker.

"They were so proud of me," Johnson said. "I was the only teacher in the family. My niece is now a teacher too."

Throughout her teaching career, Johnson taught every grade, from Kindergarten to Grade 12. She's been a vice-principal and then principal for the last 10 years.

"I love it," she said. "If I had to do my life all over again, I would choose to teach. If you love what you do, it can never be bad. Those kids are all gifts."

The snap decision to retire at this year-end was easy, she said, and difficult.

"I was really sad putting that announcement in the newsletter," Johnson said. But Johnson was married last December, and she said, for 33 years, she's worked, raised two daughters, Erica and Monica, and worked some more.

"I'm looking forward to sleeping in," Johnson said, "And relaxing over coffee."

And, minimizing her stress level. Working as an administrator in her second language has not always been

encouragement of a love for reading in her students.

"Readers are leaders," Johnson said. "That's what I always tell my students."

Within that commitment, Johnson has fully supported an already established volunteer reading program, expanded it two years ago to include the French Immersion students and even has a board on her office wall to track each one of the 360 students' reading progress – even when they've moved on to Grade Four. She also had the Character Ed mascot created to go along with the program.

Johnson said the poverty in her childhood, and her time as a single mom, means she also understands that some families may have trouble providing for their children, so she encouraged a healthy snack program in the school, keeping in mind always that her number one priority for the school is safety.

"Parents give us their very best – their kids – and it's our job to give those kids our very best."

As far as retirement goes, Johnson said she is looking forward to some serious relaxation time before she decides where she will offer herself up as a volunteer. And she still has her clowning. Performing as Clown Michou offers Johnson a release in many ways.

"It's a great destresser," Johnson said of her childlike character she portrays. "I don't like sticking out in the crowd, but as a clown I'm anonymous. It's become a passion."

Haliburton has also become a passion. Her superintendent in Bracebridge encouraged her to come to Stuart Baker, "just to visit, see if you like it".

"But I fell in love with the school," Johnson said, adding that her daughters have come to love the area too.

"Whatever I end up doing, it will be here," Johnson said. "It's beautiful here. I call it the 'best little secret'."



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easy.

"I always tell the teachers and the kids, 'It's not what I say, it's what I mean that counts,'" Johnson said, explaining that sometimes her meaning is lost in the English translation. "But my staff has always been very understanding."

And Johnson said, it's time for new blood.

"We've got new principals coming in with ideas and energy," Johnson said. "They're creative in the way they do things."

Johnson said her main legacy would probably be her

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Tyson Farrell
Staff Reporter

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Tim Hortons in Minden was as busy as ever Wednesday morning, as droves of people lined up to get their caffeine fix before heading off to work. "I think that it's a great fundraiser," said customer Sarah Dupuis. "Everybody likes coffee, so it's sure to make lots of money for the camps. I always get coffee at Tim Hortons, and it's good to know that some of my money is going to a good cause, and not just a corporation."



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On June 7, 1959, in one of the most lucrative contracts

of its time, Paramount agrees to pay Jerry Lewis \$10 million to appear in 14 films. In 1946, Lewis teamed up with singer and comedian Dean Martin, and the two clowning their way through 18 films before splitting up in 1956.

On June 8, 1896, President Grover Cleveland asks federal departments to investigate how many "aliens," or foreign nationals, are currently employed in the federal government.

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High School Dancer Deceived by Misleading Scholarship

"They really shouldn't hand out such deceptive awards."

Local dancer Kelci Haley made Haliburton County proud when she recently won a prestigious award at the Huntsville "To the Extreme" dance competition. For her outstanding dance performances, she was awarded a \$500 scholarship to study dance in Los Angeles this summer. Kelci was ecstatic when she realized she'd won, but she soon learned that the scholarship was not all that it seemed. The scholarship was promoted as an all inclusive trip, but in reality, it would cost Kelci more than \$4,500.

Upon being awarded the scholarship, Kelci was given a piece of paper that explained her award. It read, "Congratulations! You have been awarded a \$500 scholarship towards Be Discovered Inc's 'Summer in LA Hip Hop Intensive,' taking place July 28-August 4, 2008. The program includes: Training at LA's top dance studio with top instructors, working privately with the industry's hottest hip hop choreographers, including Shane Sparks, the Groovaloes and Duece, and the Prince of Krump, networking with choreographers, dancers, stars, agents, and other professionals, being part of the audience on the hit TV show 'So You Think You Can Dance,' traveling to Vegas to watch the finals of the World Hip Hop Championships, an optional photo shoot with the Pussy Cat Dolls, and more." In other words, the award seemed to be every young dancer's dream come true.

Kelci was excited for days, as friends and family's congratulated her for a job well done and the Moose FM broadcast news of her victory across the county. "It was great," Kelci said. "I actually thought that I was going to Los Angeles to dance. My mom was

skeptical though, and she did some research. It turns out she was right. The scholarship doesn't even put a dent in the cost of the trip. It makes it seem like you've won an all inclusive trip, but in reality, you have to pay for almost everything." Unsurprisingly, Kelci does not think that she was treated fairly. "They really shouldn't hand out such deceptive awards. They should have made it clear what they were giving me, instead of misleading me. They get people's hopes up, and it's really misleading. It's a disappointment. It got me pretty bummed out."

With the cost of the trip being so high, Kelci has decided that she will not travel to Los Angeles this summer. "It's a lot of money," she said. "I'm graduating from HHSS this spring, and going to university in the fall, which will also be expensive. If I had won this award last year, or if I wasn't going to university, I'd probably still go to Los Angeles. It's just too expensive though."

Although Kelci's scholarship was wanting, and the trip to Los Angeles will not be happening, she's philosophical about the events. "My parents, the teachers at Haliburton Dance Arts, and my friends are really proud of me, and supportive. I realize that I was still given an award, and that in itself is worth something. I appreciate that my abilities as a dancer were recognized." At the recent Huntsville

competitions, Kelci was also awarded the "Most distinctive Jazz Solo" honour. "I've never won an award like this before, and I'm really happy that I did. Dance is really a team effort, and it's about making friends and having a good time. That's what I'm doing, and I love it. It doesn't matter if I go to Los Angeles or not, I'm not going to stop dancing, and I'm not going to stop having fun." ■



WHAT'S UP DOC?

Carol Sanio D.V.M.
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The dog must be kept very quiet during and after the treatment as the worms die off in the blood vessels. Complications can arise from the clogging of the blood vessels with dead worms. If some pet owners do not implement prevention programs, and an infected dog was to cottage in this area (say from a part of Ontario where heartworm is endemic) then all of the mosquitoes that feed off that dog would become infected. This is why heartworm disease spreads so quickly in an area. Part of the lifecycle of the heartworm happens in the mosquito. Every animal they bite can become infected, cats too.

There is no way to diagnose or treat cats for heartworm but there is prevention.

We can diagnose the disease in dogs, that is why we do spring time heartworm testing, a simple blood test. The tests now are antigen tests and are much more accurate than the old filter tests that looked for the microfilaria (young form of the worm) in the blood stream. Some hospitals include several disease tests in their annual heartworm testing, including diseases that are spread by ticks, like Ehrlichia, Lyme, and Anaplasmosis. Be sure to test for more than just heartworm. There has been a great increase in the number of ticks found in the area this year, and, therefore, an increase in tick borne diseases. We need to appreciate the seriousness of heartworm disease and its spread and get all dogs tested, and on prevention. All outdoor cats should be on prevention. Prevention has never been so easy.

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Beloved High School Teacher Retires

Tyson Farrell
County Voice

At the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School there are few teachers that are beloved, respected, and admired as much as Wayne Cooper. For almost 20 years Wayne has been a fixture at Hal High, formally and informally teaching French, English, music, choir, drama, and more. To the regret of staff and students alike, Cooper recently announced his retirement, declaring that this would be his final year as a secondary school teacher. To say good-bye to Cooper, and to thank him for his many years of faithful service, the high school hosted a concert in his honour on Friday May 30.

The evening began at 5pm at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. As guests filed into the foyer, they were greeted by Cooper. They were then invited to sign a guest book, receive a programme, and enter the theatre. The concert began with Cooper being seated on a plush seat on the edge of the stage. He was given a cup of tea, and told to enjoy the show. The first performance of the evening was a condensed version of Shakespeare's King Lear. The short skit was acted by an ensemble of Cooper's previous students. These students included Toronto actor Chris Ratz, secondary school teacher Rebeka Borgdorff, and local playwright Ryan Dawson. Since King Lear tells the story of a beloved King retiring, it was a fitting piece for the concert. When the skit was complete, the actors placed a crown on Cooper's head, demonstrating their deep respect.

After King Lear, teacher Michele Shapiera addressed the audience. "Wayne and I have walked the halls of Hal High together for almost two decades. We've worked together in our not-so-spacious office. We've shared travel plans, recipes, personal stories, and more," she began. "He gave me a great gift by teaching me about my profession, and about myself. He made me realize that I was a student just as much as those that I have professed to teach. Wayne taught students to respect knowledge. Wayne has taught me that I still have so much to learn. I'll miss walking the halls with you Wayne. I wish you good health, exciting travels, and lots of time to enjoy your continuing education as a renaissance man."

After Mrs. Shapiera's address, teacher Melisa Stephens took the stage. "Music is a very important part of Wayne's personal life, and school life. At school, he's been involved in numerous musicals, choirs, and performances. He helped create the messiah choir, and has helped shaped the school's music community." Stephens then introduced local violinist Earl Cooper and pianist Kathleen Owens. The couple played a set of traditional barn dances which had the audience clapping along.

The musical performance was followed by an address by Master of Ceremonies Jenna Romanowich. "I first met Wayne in high school when he taught me French, but he taught me so much more. He saw in me somebody that had an incredible love for music. He saw a talent in me that I didn't even see in myself. Each day when I came to class, I would find a cassette on my desk, with Wayne's incredible scripture on it. I would take the cassette home, and listen to the beautiful classical music that was on it. The next day, Wayne would ask me what I thought of the music. He wouldn't say much, he would just nod, smile, and make the occasional comment. Then he would give me another cassette to listen to. In this way, Wayne taught me to love classical music. Everything I know about classical music I know from Wayne. He made me want to go to university for singing. After I left high school, Wayne continued to

be a life long friend.



inferior I am.

But Wayne never rubbed it in much," Pritchard laughed.

After their brief introduction, Pritchard and McCauley serenaded Cooper with their guitars, signing him several beautiful songs. Wayne was next addressed by Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation representative John Mazara. "You're a very principled person Wayne," he spoke. "You bring so much to our profession. Thank you so much for being part of my career."

One of the best received performances of the evening was a monologue titled "My First Day of French Class," which was performed by Ryan Dawson. Playing the role of Wayne Cooper, Ryan told his life story, as a taxi driver, musician, teacher, and traveler. He even recounted his adventures smuggling camels and Moroccan antiquities across the south Saharan desert. He also spoke of his personal library which contains all human knowledge. The monologue made the audience laugh many times, for Dawson's portrayal of Cooper was witty and very tongue-in-cheek.

After performances by Jocelyn Regina, Curtis Eastmure, and Lauren McInnes, Principal Gary Brohman addressed the audience with a very emotional tribute to Wayne. "Wayne, you're entrance onto Hal High's stage has been our gain. We all want to keep you on our personnel stage. Don't leave us Wayne. You're a champion of Hal High in so, so, many ways. You've organized graduations, scholarships, report cards, literacy tests, coffee houses, French festivals, drama, performances, and so much more. Way to go Wayne. You're a gold medalist

He once drove nine hours with my mom to listen to a 15 second vocal solo I had at Bishops University. Wayne has always looked after me, and protected me. In many ways, he was my dad. Thanks to Wayne, I now teach music at a private school in King City. Wayne may be retiring, but he will always be a teacher. It is not his profession. It is his life."

The stage was next taken by teacher Guy Pritchard and his partner Laurel McCauley. "I've worked with Wayne for four years, and I've learned many things; mostly how

through and through. You give the best of yourself each and every day to your students. You're an encyclopedia. You're my Google, and my search engine. Wayne optimizes life long learning. He has a compassion for making students and colleges grow and become better human beings. You're depth of culture has been Hal High's gain. You're a gentleman first, and you've set a very high standard for us all to follow. I say from the very bottom of my heart, thank you so much for everything." After concluding his speech, Brohman presented Cooper with a hockey stick. He also gave Cooper a school letter, a blazing red "H" awarded for outstanding achievement and character.

For the evening's finale, the assembly of actors and performers and sang "You Raise Me Up" to Cooper. He was then presented with a new laptop computer, printer, digital camera, and multiple accessories. To no one's surprise, Cooper was overwhelmed. "Thank you so much," he said. "I realized that I'd need to get a computer now that I'm retiring. I only have a typewriter at home, and I've been using the computer in my office for years. I never expected to be given one. I appreciate it so much. Thank you all for coming out tonight."

Audience members agreed that it was a lovely evening, and a fitting tribute to so fine a gentleman as Wayne Cooper. People from across the province came to see the performance, say good-bye to a dear teacher, and to wish him well in his retirement. Principal Brohman summed up the evening saying, "I've been to a lot of retirements in my career, but I've never seen one quite like this." Once the concert finished, many audience members joined Cooper for a celebration dinner. Although Wayne Cooper will be leaving Hal High soon, all agreed that he will be remembered for a long, long, time. ■



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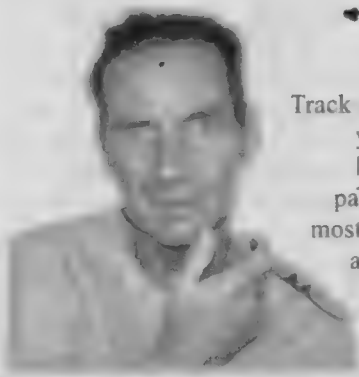


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Sports Editor

Track and field coverage at this year's Beijing Olympics has been bumped back past prime time slots and most of the events will be aired to the USA on a taped delay basis.

The decision was made by NBC who will be concentrating their prime time live coverage on events like swimming and gymnastics.

There was a time, not that long ago, when Track and Field was the showcase event for an American Olympic network. Schedules were reworked to provide American viewers with prime time options to events like the 100 meters, 4X100 relays and the full gamut of field trials. Not this year.

NBC pulled back on demands for prime time situations for track events, because the writing is on the wall.

NBC won't be forthcoming about the reasons. They will duck and dodge. But the brutal fact remains. Steroids and now other performance enhancing drugs have nudged track and field from its former podium of prominence at the Olympics.

People have grown weary of Balco, quick-twitch perfwalks, Marion Jones, Tim Montgomery, teary apologies, long harangues and the various and sundry Dr. Whizz-enheimers who spend long hours toiling 'tween test tubes, perfecting ways to piss off the piss police.

There is a suspicion, among fans of track, that the looming and overarching specter of performance enhancing substances has drawn a pall over track as legitimate exercise. There is also a palpable fear among the cognoscenti and insiders that there is no redemption in sight.

The coaches and the chemists have opened Pandora's Box.

You remember Pandora's Box don't you?

The magic carton containing all the evils of mankind - greed, vanity, slander, envy, pining. Sound familiar?

The chemists' greed, the athlete's vanity, the tawdry name-calling, the envy which compounds the problem and finally the pining of those lost souls, who, when caught pound their chests and do their best to avoid the inevitable lifetime ban or the six months stretch at the local crowbar hotel.

So track and field suffers, because clean or dirty, every

record is greeted as suspect. The seed was sown with the East Germans and the Russians and the dens of layered science, which flourished in the seventies and eighties behind the iron curtain. But the west caught on quick and once it became evident that no mere mortals could compete with the East German cyborgs and cyborgesses, western Jeckyls plowed with purple vengeance into the ersatz world of horse pills, blood jiggling, testosterone and now HGH.

The serious fan of track and field glances at all athletes with jaundiced eye. Every nuance in musculature is noted. World record times are not celebrated until Dick Pound's dopey gendarmes have processed the urinal survey.

Little wonder that track and field has been relegated to the bleacher seats at the Beijing Olympics. We are tired of the charade.

For me it started with Ben Johnson.

Remember Ben. Back in 1987 Canada was in love with Ben. Ben was our Jamaican-Canadian adoptee. I loved Ben for a lot of reasons. The way he broke from the blocks, the remarkable quick-twitch departure from the looming field of competitors, his fluid grace and his smooth gazelle-like hyper glide.

But most of all I loved Ben because in 1987 and then in Seoul in 1988, for a stretch of about 11 months, Ben Johnson was able to shut Carl Lewis up. Carl Lewis was everything I hated about US track. A loud, loutish, prickly, abrasive, trash-talking boor. Ben Johnson shut him up once in Rome in 1987. Lewis cried. He cried again when Ben beat him at the Olympics in Seoul.

I know ... I know ... but for three days it was worth it. Carl Lewis in full hissy-fit. That's how I'll always remember Seoul. And lest we get all juiced and cranky about Ben. I will remind you. Ben was a talented guy, but a naïve and gentle soul. He was managed by a guy named Charlie Francis. Charlie was a very persuasive purveyor of voodoo. I met Charlie once. And I will tell you that Charlie Francis could sell iPods to Bill Gates. But I digress.

I was covering another local sports event for the Stonewall Argus newspaper in Stony Mountain the night of the 100-meter final. The event went late. I took my final pictures and dashed from the ball diamond.

I hopped in the car hoping to get home in time for the

race, which was going to be shown before a packed house at Miller's Lounge in Stonewall.

It's about 20 minutes from Stony Mountain to Stonewall. As soon as I got on the highway I tuned the radio to CBC. They were covering the event and about half way home I realized that I was not going to be able to get to the lounge on time.

I made it to Three Mile Corner - just as implied, three mile corner is precisely three miles from downtown Stonewall. Things are simple like that in the prairies. I pulled over to the side of the road and parked. It was a very clear, very starry night. I turned up the radio and sat on the hood of my Firebird.

The pre-race description wafted into the night sounds. To the south, in the dusky distance, a flock of geese was settling into Oak Hammock Marsh. Over my right shoulder a whip-o-will

was calling.

I remember cursing my luck when I realized that I would have to park the Bird and that I would miss the event live on TV.

But now, in the gentle recesses of the prairie night, I realized that it was actually a pretty nice spot to spend some time with Ben and Carl and the CBC broadcast crew.

I closed my eyes and sat back against the windshield.

I vaguely heard the word "Marks!" and then I heard the starter's gun.

Then, like a blink, it was done.

To this day I remember the chills down my back as the announcer made the call.

Ben Johnson ... Gold Medal ... Canada.

I sat and listened for another ten minutes on the road at Three Mile Corner. Three cars passed, beeped their horns and gave me the thumb's up. The CBC was a popular channel in the prairies. I smiled and waved.

I remember walking into Miller's shortly after. The room was full and the replays were plenty.

A friend came up and said, "Man we missed you. Too bad you missed it."

I just smiled.

"Oh, don't worry," I said. "I didn't miss a thing."

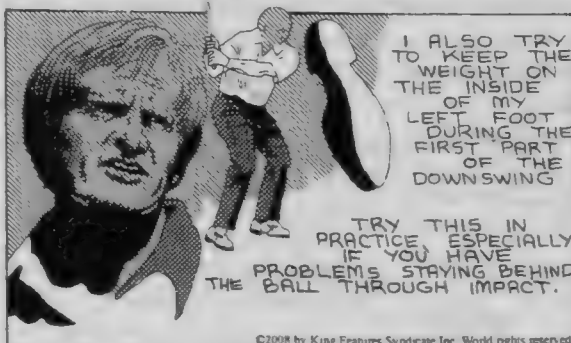
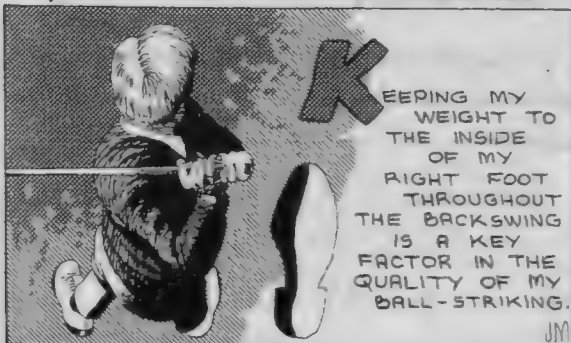
Three days later Pandora's Box sprawled open all over a tartan track.

The innocence was lost.

Sadly, I don't think we'll ever get it back. ■

Sports Column

Play Better Golf with JACK NICKLAUS



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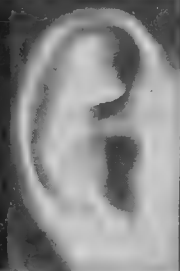
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Red Hawk Track and Fielders Travel to Ottawa Paul and Gadway Advance to Provincials in Hamilton

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

And then there were two.

A pair of talented Red Hawk track and field athletes, hurdler Drew Paul and thrower Keaton Gadway pushed limits and delivered big time results in their specialty events to qualify for the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) All-Ontario track meet this week in Hamilton.

It's a long, difficult and painstaking road, this progressive regional qualifying process in high school track and field.

For the Haliburton High Red Hawks it began with the Kawartha qualification meet three weeks ago in Peterborough. The team then moved on in the following week to the COSSA meet in Belleville, where they were forced to battle Bay of Quinte blusters and a steady driving rain to compete for the opportunity to move to the East Regional held last Thursday and Friday in Ottawa.

And last week, over twenty Red Hawk athletes traveled to the Nation's Capital and that city's state-of-the-art Terry Fox track complex. They were billeted Thursday night at Carleton University for the two-day event.

Some came with dreams of personal best. Some of the younger midget athletes came to sharpen their skills for future junior and senior campaigns. Some viewed this as a unique challenge, the opportunity to display their wares against a field of very talented athletes from schools who run track programs from September to June. Some saw it as a very real opportunity to expand their horizons.

And some harbored very legitimate hopes of qualifying for the final step in this onerous, grueling and burdensome process, a trip to the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) All-Ontario meet slated for today, tomorrow and Saturday at Mohawk Park in Hamilton.

The East Regional posed by far the biggest challenge for the Haliburton Red Hawk track team. They had to compete against a field made up of large urban schools from the Ottawa-Carleton area. The Ottawa area is a haven for track and field boasting a super indoor

complex, where high school athletes compete year-round on modern tartan surfaces. A center where former Canadian 4X100 sprint gold medallist, and now Canadian sprint relay coach, Glenroy Gilbert donates his time assisting promising Ottawa-area athletes.

The cauldron bubbles hard at these regional events. The distillation winnowed Haliburton numbers to the aforementioned dynamic duo. One on track and one in field.

Paul, a junior, is moving on to the OFSAA All Ontario Championships in two events at Mohawk Park in Hamilton. He qualified with 4th place finishes in both the Junior Boys 100-Meter hurdles (15.47) and 300-Meter hurdles (41.66). Paul also ran a 25.67 in the Men's 200 Meter Dash Junior for a 14th place finish.

Gadway took bronze in the Junior Men's Discus event. Haliburton track coach Walter Tose was unstinting in his praise of both Paul and Gadway, but was especially impressed with Gadway's performance. "Drew ran really well and Keaton had an outstanding day," said Tose, the Red Hawks'

throws coach. Gadway threw four meters further than his previous best to finish third with a throw of 47.16 meters in what Tose called, "a very competitive field."

But, lest we forget. This is a team sport. Paul and Gadway will travel with the good wishes and firm support of every member of the Haliburton High Red Hawk track and field

the pole vault. That event was held separately from the rest of the meet due to lack of equipment in Ottawa.

Yake placed 8th in the Midget vault with a clearance of 2.40 meters.

In the Senior Men's Vault, Fennell placed 7th with a jump of 2.9 meters and Rallis was 8th with an identical 2.9 meter vault. "They all had good solid vaults," said Tose.

Christianna Walker had a great race in the 400-Meter hurdles (1:08.23) Thursday evening, finishing 7th overall.

Walker then went out and anchored the Senior Girls' 4x100 relay team - with Cody Pringle, Brandi Jessop and Ashleigh Schollig - to an outstanding 8th place finish, notching a season-best time of 53.57.

Jessop finished 11th in the Women's 100 Meter Senior Hurdles in 16.81. Walker placed 15th in the 100-Meter hurdles.

The Midget Boys team of Connor Cowan, Ashton Haley, Ian Bottum and Dwayne Hartshorn also ran a great relay race finishing 11th overall in 51.48.

The Haliburton Men's 4x400 Meter Relay team made up of Paul, Jeff Brennan, Ashton Haley and Alex McMaster put in a gutsy run to finish the meet. They placed 16th with a time of 3:57.16.

Senior Emily Turner had an outstanding day, establishing new personal bests in both the 800 meters (2:26.39) and 1500 meters (5:03.32) and setting a new HHSS record. "She just missed qualifying for OFSAA," said Tose.

Tose allowed that Turner has shown constant improvement over the course of the short season and that the school record will serve to ease the disappointment of a missed trip to Mohawk Park and the OFSAA finals.

He added that a few of his throwers also managed to notch some notable benchmarks at the Ottawa meet.

"Zane Zondervan had a personal best of 32.96 in the Midget Boys discus and finished seventh," said Tose. "Matt Rae finished tenth in the Junior Boys discus with a solid throw of 39.66 meters."

Marcie Dick placed 12th in the Women's 300-Meter Midget Hurdles in 52.84. Cody Pringle was 12th with a time of 13.73 in the Senior Women's 100-Meter Dash.

Tanisha Holmes placed 16th in the Women's Senior Triple Jump with a leap of 9.14 meters.

Ian Bottum placed 13th in the Men's 300-Meter Hurdles with a time of 48.69 seconds.

Tose said that Paul and Gadway will likely be

heading down to Hamilton tonight.

"They'll both have to be ready," said Tose. "But I think they are both capable of doing well." ■



team.

Every step in this pervasive and all-encompassing sifting process serves to thin the ranks of every team that competes through the qualification meets. Every new round a gut-check, every step fraught with the possibility of bitter disappointment.

But as coaches Tose, Karen Gervais and Paul Morissette will tell any of their athletes who are willing to listen, this is also a process that serves to mature and inculcate a sense of personal achievement. Tose said that all of the Red Hawk competitors brought something away from the meet last weekend.

"This was a very strong field," said Tose, adding, "there are some really great athletes in the eastern region and I thought that our team did really well."

Jeff Fennell, Madison Rallis and Brandon Yake competed last Tuesday at Brockville's Thousand Islands Secondary in

Top To bottom Left to Right

Midget Boys 4x 100 relay team - Ian Bottum, Ashton Haley, Dwayne Hartshorn, Connor Cowan.

Zane Zondervan,

Drew Paul, Matt Rae, Keaton Gadway

Boys Open 4x 400 relay team - Alex McMaster, Jeff Brennan, Drew Paul, Ashton Haley,

Brandi Jessop,

Highlands' Prospect Signed by OHL's Sarnia

Jesse Stoughton On The Road to the Sting

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

It's about 400 clicks as the crow flies from Port Hope to Sarnia. A Mapquest search will unfurl a miasma of purple lines detailing the most direct route and warn that it'll take you about four hours to get there in your Corolla.

Unfortunately, Mapquest contains no directions referencing just how far it is from the Port Hope Predators (OPJHL) to the Ontario Hockey League's (OHL) Sarnia Sting.

For that you'd have to sit down and have a chat with Bobcaygeon's Jesse Stoughton.

The erstwhile centerman might tell you about countless dryland sessions with personal trainer Brad Norris over the past two off-seasons. And then he'd probably tell you about several summers spent working hard with on-ice activities at the Brendan O'Grady Hockey School in Lindsay.

He might even tell you about the fortuitous growth spurt that occurred over the course of last winter while he was, again, working very diligently as a member of the Junior A Predators in Port Hope.

Stoughton signed with the Sting on Monday of this week. He will be heading to Sarnia at the end of August for his first OHL training camp. A training camp with a team that is still in mourning over the graduation loss of NHL top draft prospect Steve Stamkos. "I'm a little shocked," said Stoughton on Wednesday. "I knew they were interested, but I never expected it. It just goes to show, I guess ... hard work pays off."

Hard work, definitely. But the sudden swoop in elevation probably sealed the deal. General managers, in general, get a little leery at anything that flies under a limbo bar that they seem to set arbitrarily at about 5'7".

And so, it's precisely that growth spurt – in addition to the aforementioned work ethic – which spiked Sarnia's interest in Stoughton, just prior to the OHL's entry draft this spring.

Sarnia Sting General Manager Alan Millar said that Stoughton has always been a prospect, but allowed that Stoughton's stature was an issue back in 2007.

Stoughton was only 5'5" back then, and a lot of OHL teams passed on him last season, in what would have been his first year of draft eligibility. Stoughton, who was born on April 21, 1991, was eligible for last year's 2007 OHL draft but, when he wasn't drafted, he decided to accept an offer to play for the Preds in the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League (OPJHL). He put up some nice numbers with the Predators, scoring 15 goals and 13 assists.

"When he played with the (Central Ontario / Lindsay) Wolves he was only 5'5"," said Millar. Stoughton grew four inches over last season and was listed in the Preds program at 5'9" and 172 pounds. "This year, he was on our radar at draft time, but because he was born in 91 and not 92 we decided to let him go and then work around that if he wasn't drafted," said Millar. Fate danced, Sarnia invited Stoughton to their mid-May training camp and Stoughton went out and impressed the heck out of the mini-camp coaching staff.

"He definitely played very well at that mid-May mini-camp and he also

had a very good year at Port Hope," said Millar.

Stoughton, not surprisingly, concurred with his new boss. "I felt I had a good camp ... I played pretty well," said Stoughton, who is finishing his grade 11 semester at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. "But I did really well in the fitness (regimen)," added Stoughton.

Stoughton went on to say that he will figure in among the top nine forwards on the Sting next season and added that he will be receiving some equipment from the team this week by courier. He'll have plenty of time to work in the new gear at O'Grady's hockey camp this summer. He said that he'll also be hitting the pavement and weights with his trainer Norris.

"I'll spend this summer again, working hard," laughed Stoughton. And then Stoughton, who was billeted in Port Hope during the 2007-08 hockey season will have to have to break in a new family and get ready to set up house in another town. "I'm just very excited about it all," said Stoughton. "I've been working very hard for this ... it should be good."

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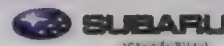
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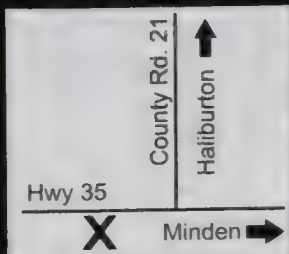


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Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of seeing the best in people, which helps encourage them to live up to your perceptions.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Cheer up, Lamb. Your emotional impasse will lift once you allow your highly tuned sense of justice to guide you on what to do about an associate's questionable behavior.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) News about a project you hoped to work on might need more clarification. Take nothing just on faith. Draw up a list of questions, and insist on each being fully answered.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Giving your time to help others is fine. But don't lose sight of your own needs. Make plans for an energy-restoring getaway with that very special person in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Congratulate yourself on getting that difficult job done to everyone's satisfaction. This could be the first of many such challenges you might be offered down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With your enthusiasm soaring again, you feel ready to tackle a tough new assignment. Good for you! And remember: Don't be too proud to accept help when it's offered.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Cupid rules the week for single Virgos eager to make a romantic

connection. Meanwhile, Virgo couples experience renewed commitment in their relationships.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Home and work issues vie for your attention through early next week. Rely on your Libran sense of balance to keep you from being overwhelmed by either side.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Creative projects might have to go on standby as you tackle other matters making demands on your time and energy. Things should ease by the middle of next week.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your energies are high, and so are your aspirations. But be careful not to let work dominate the week. It's also important to spend time with family and friends.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good time to set aside your pride and stop nursing those hurt feelings. Instead, consider restoring relationships you want to have back in your life.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You might be miffed at not being shown more appreciation for your hard work. But don't brood over it. Recognition comes in its own time and in its own way.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

YOUNG MOTHER FEELS THE URGE TO TAKE BREAK FROM PARENTING

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 20-year-old single mom of a 17-month-old son. I love my baby dearly, but lately I feel I'm missing out on life. I feel like I need to go out on my own and find myself.

Before I got pregnant I had plans to go to college, work abroad and experience life. My mom says if I do it, I would be running away, that I can't take a break from being a mom, even for a little while, and come back and be a mom again. I know being a parent means all or nothing, but I'm still just a kid myself.

If I did leave, I'd go somewhere and use that time effectively. I have thought about going to school in Colorado where I could experience something different and give myself a shot at a better career. Would it be running away and leaving my baby if I did that? -- YOUNG AND RESTLESS IN IDAHO

DEAR YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Your mother is right. You are responsible for the welfare and emotional development of your baby. While this does not mean you can't have some social life, please recognize that your son needs consistency. He should not be left for an extended period of time. Take the college courses, but take them locally. Foreign travel to "find yourself" will have to wait because leaving your son now could cause lifelong repercussions.

DEAR ABBY: I have lived on a golf course for the last five years, but golf -- or any sport, for that matter -- has never interested me. My parents and the rest of my family can't get enough of golf. I have given it many tries, including being forced into going to two golf camps and playing the game. My parents know I don't like golf -- I have told them -- but they keep on insisting I "give it a try." (I have for five years. I just don't enjoy it.) And to top it off they want me to go golfing once a week.

I try to please them. I go to church, get straight A's, respect them and do my chores. But they constantly nag me about the rest of the family enjoying it, and it makes me feel guilty for being a black sheep. Are my parents asking too much, or am I being selfish? -- TEE'D OFF IN MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

DEAR TEE'D OFF: You are intelligent and obviously a high achiever. But nowhere in your letter did you mention that you are in any way physically active, which may be what concerns your parents. I cannot stress enough how important it is for young people to get at least an hour a day of cardiovascular exercise. Please consider what I'm saying. If you are adamant about disliking golf, perhaps you can make a deal with your family to engage in some other physical activity that interests you.

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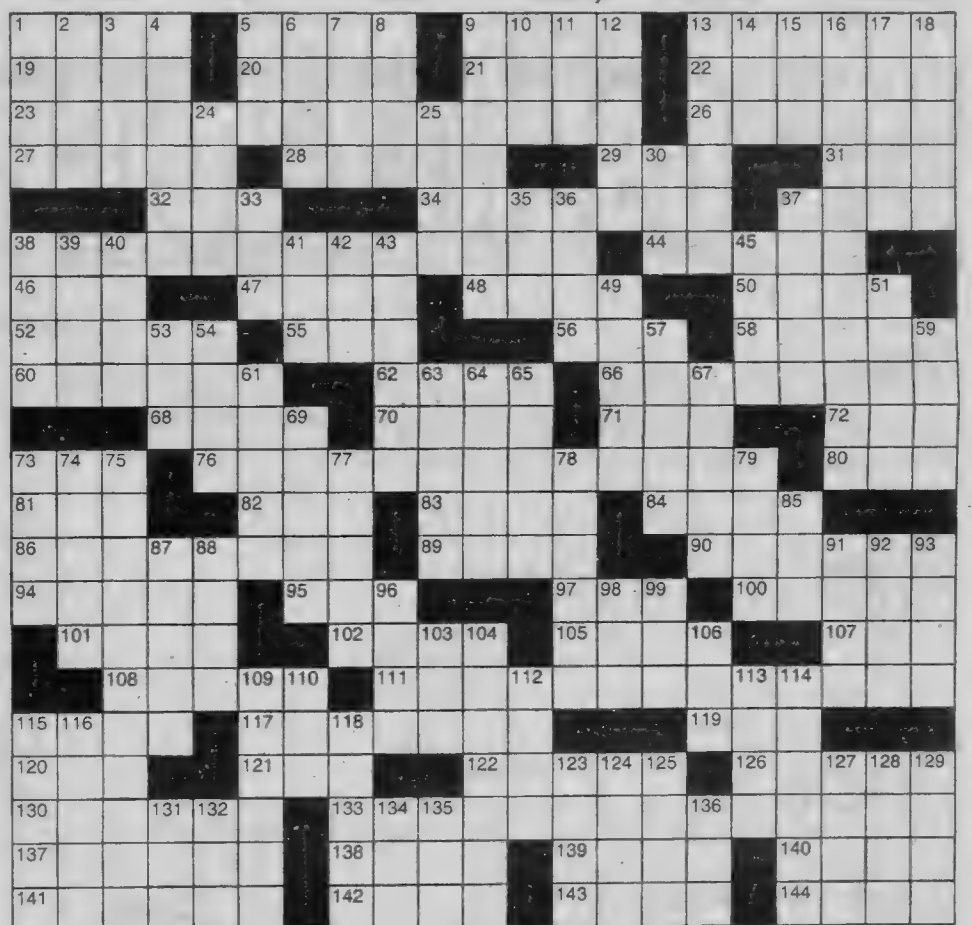
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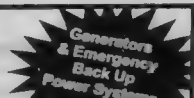
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Stop 'Bugging' Us! Examining the Insects in Haliburton County

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The bugs in Haliburton County have come out of hiding and are out in full force.

When recently asking residents in Haliburton about which insect it is that is pestering them the most, the most common answer was the black fly.

A tiny insect, the black fly is a member of the family Simuliidae of the Culicomorpha infraorder. They are related to the Ceratopogonidae, Chironomidae, and Thaumaleidae, which are all groups of families of flies. There are over 1,800 known species of black flies. Like mosquitoes, they get their nourishment by sucking the blood of other animals (and us humans); however males usually feed off nectar.

Black flies are black or grey, have short legs and antennae. In Africa and the Americas they are known to spread river blindness disease. River blindness is the second leading infectious cause of blindness.

In the wetter parts of northern latitudes of North America, including Canada, the population of black flies soars from mid May to July.

Black flies are univoltine, which means they spend the winter in the larval stage slowly maturing often under ice. The Canadian Shield (which we are a part of) is characterized by it's abundance of lakes and streams. Areas such as this offer the perfect conditions for black flies to lay their eggs in.

One of the other most popular insects found in the County is the mosquito. Also blood suckers, they have a pair scaled wings, a pair of halteres (also known as balancers or poisers), a slender body and long legs. Most female mosquito species suck blood

from animals and humans and have developed a bad reputation for spreading disease causing viruses and parasites such as West Nile Virus.

Both male and female mosquitoes are nectar feeders. During the process of sucking blood, they inject saliva into the animal or human. Mosquitos detect their victims by CO2 being breathed out from a distance. When they get close they can pick up on infrared heat being emitted which identifies the host as a warm blooded animal.

The mosquito is composed of a head, thorax and abdomen. Their head contains two eyes and a proboscis. The proboscis is the piercing mouthpart used to suck blood from its victim. When a mosquito sucks up blood, she injects saliva and anti-coagulants. An anti-coagulant is a substance that prevents coagulation. This means that it stops blood from clotting. With a mosquito bite, there is no initial reaction but with subsequent bites the body's immune system develops antibodies and a bite becomes inflamed and itchy within 24 hours. With more bites, the sensitivity of the human immune system increases and an itchy red hive appears in minutes where the immune response has broken capillary blood vessels and fluid has collected under the skin.

This type of reaction is common in older children and adults. Some adults can become desensitized to mosquitoes and have little or no reaction to their bites, while others can become hyper-sensitive with bites causing blistering, bruising, and large inflammatory

reactions, a response known as Skeeter Syndrome.

Also common to Haliburton County are horse and deer flies. These pesky critters are known to bite but they are also pollinators of flowers in places like South Africa. Worldwide, there are approximately 3000 species of horse flies, 350 of which are in North America.

Adult horse flies tend to feed on nectar and pollen, while females require a blood meal for reproduction. Males cannot extract blood because they lack the necessary parts to do so. Most female horse flies thrive off mammal blood, but some are known to feed on birds, amphibians or reptiles.

These flies usually lay in shady areas, waiting for their prey which they are attracted to by motion. Their bites, which can be pretty painful, are inflicted with tiny serrated scimitars which rip and/or slice flesh apart. In turn, blood seeps out of the wound and the horse fly licks it up. They can even remove a chunk out of their victim to be digested at their leisure.

Horse flies are most active in hot weather and during daylight hours. Most species favour a wet environment, which makes it easier for them to breed.

Some horse fly species are known to transmit disease and/or parasites. These include the transmission of the filarial worm (a parasitic, infectious tropical disease) between humans and Anthrax among cattle and sheep. A common problem with some animals, when large flies are abundant, is blood loss. Some animals have lost up to 300 ml of blood in a single day, which

can severely weaken or kill them.

Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve, said that the bugs are out in his neck of the woods.

"Yesterday I was out and they certainly weren't fun," said Schleifenbaum of the mosquitoes. "Wherever there are spots that have running water the mosquitoes are coming in strong."

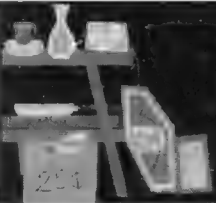
Schleifenbaum says that everyone he talks to says that the bugs haven't been bad in the evenings due to the cooler weather we've been having. He does admit that black flies are also common in the forest.

"In some places they're awful. But wherever there is wind they're bearable."

Pat Morrison, owner of Pat Morrison Logging, says that the black flies have been the worst that he's seen them for a long time.

"I went fishing on Havelock Lake for the weekend. It's the worst I've seen the black flies. I had the spray on but no bug net. You could barely breathe. The bugs were going up your nose and in your eyes," said Morrison. "We need more tourists to come up here so that we can feed them (black flies)," he added with a smile.

Now to monitor insect levels, the Weather Network on the Internet has their very own bug report. On the site, located at www.weathernetwork.com/bugreport, a list of bug species and their activity levels, from low to high, are noted. ■



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Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked people around town, "Have you noticed the bugs yet? What are you doing to try and avoid them?"



Candis Jones, Gravenhurst – "The bugs have been really bad. I've been at Camp White Pine and there are lots of black flies. When it got warmer, the mosquitoes also came out. We've been wearing bug hats and making sure that we're totally covered from head to toe."



Sandra Poulton, Haliburton – "Oh yeah. I've been bitten several times. I think the black flies have come late because of this winter. With the sprays, it's a hit and miss for me. Most of the time I forget to use them and I just get bitten."



Sigrid Debes, Haliburton – "I get up at five in the morning to do all my planting. The black flies are plentiful. I'm hoping we get a hot spell and they all go away."



Ray Smith, North Bay – "Oh yes of course. It's the black flies. I've got a bug net and I stay indoors if it's really that bad. There seem to be more this year than in the past."



Marilyn Teljeur, Haliburton – "Yes I have noticed the black flies. I just try and stay inside. I don't use the sprays that they have because I'm allergic to them."



Roy Breen, Haliburton – "There are lots of them. There are more black flies than mosquitoes. I just stay in the house."

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Climate Change Trigger

The Earth may be on the verge of a massive, cascading release of methane similar to one that caused a global warming that ended the last "snowball" ice age, according to a team of California scientists. Writing in the journal *Nature*, lead researcher Martin Kennedy of UC Riverside suggests the same kind of warming could be about to occur, not over thousands of years, but within a human lifetime. Methane is 25 times more potent as a greenhouse gas as carbon dioxide (CO₂), and 10,000 gigatons of frozen methane are currently stored in the world's oceans and permafrost. The current trend of accelerated permafrost melting as the Arctic warms rapidly could release vast amounts of methane into the atmosphere, triggering a sudden climate change. Kennedy worries that rising CO₂ levels could drive enough warming to destabilize the Earth's stored methane reserves. "Unzipping the methane reservoir could potentially warm the Earth tens of degrees," Kennedy wrote.

Earthquakes

A powerful aftershock of the May 12 Sichuan, China, temblor killed an additional eight people and injured 917 others across Sichuan and the neighboring provinces of Gansu and Shaanxi. The 6.4 magnitude jolt was the strongest aftershock to rock the region since the initial quake left more than 88,000 people dead or missing.

• A 5.5 magnitude quake killed at least 14 people and injured 65 others in central Colombia, where the shaking triggered landslides that buried some of the victims in cars.

• Earth movements were also felt in Panama, Guatemala, northern Iran and Guam.

Toxic Sun Block

Sunscreen lotions used by swimmers around the world are contributing to a phenomenon known as coral bleaching, threatening the coral and the myriad of marine life that depend upon it. A new study sponsored by the European Commission found that even tiny amounts of cream-based UV filters used to protect the skin from the sun's rays caused bleaching of coral reefs. The chemical compounds join climate change, industrial pollution and high UV radiation due to the "ozone hole" as a leading threat to coral reefs. An estimated 4,000 to 6,000 tons of sunscreen are released annually in waters around coral reefs, with 25 percent of the sunscreen ingredients on skin released into water over the course of a 20-minute swim, the report said.

Overfishing Crisis

A leading ocean conservation group says more than 80 percent of the world's fisheries are now at risk from overfishing. A report by Oceana points to studies by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization that found only 17 percent of the world's known fish stocks are underexploited or moderately exploited. Fish in parts of the Atlantic, western Indian Ocean and the northwest Pacific are the most overfished, according to Oceana. The group says the World Trade Organization must act quickly to scrap unsustainable subsidies that encourage exploiting Earth's oceans.

Pacific Typhoon

An area of disturbed weather between Guam and the northern Philippines gradually strengthened into Typhoon Nakri over the open waters of the western Pacific.

Volcanoes

Explosions from within Ecuador's Tungurahua volcano sent ash soaring high above the Andes, but the activity was not considered a threat to those living in the area. Vulcanologists warned people living along nearby riverbanks to be alert for lava flows should the mountain erupt.

• Clouds of searing heat cascaded down the slopes of Indonesia's Mount Semeru, on the island of Java, prompting officials to warn nearby residents to stay clear of the volcano.

Scot Beavers Return

Beavers will soon be living in the lakes and streams of Scotland for the first time since before Mary, Queen of Scots, was executed in 1587. The beaver was hunted to extinction across Scotland in the 16th century, and the government says it plans to capture about four beaver families in Norway then release them in the lochs of Argyll's Knapdale Wildlife Reserve. When the animals are released next spring, it will mark the first time that native mammals have been reintroduced into the wild anywhere in Britain. Scottish Natural Heritage says it will closely monitor the beavers over the following five years to determine their impact on the local environment and economy before any decision is made on a wider reintroduction. "By bringing these useful creatures back to their native environment, we will have the chance to restore a missing part of our wetland ecosystems and re-establish much-needed natural processes," said Allan Bantick, chairman of the Scottish Beaver Trial Steering Group.

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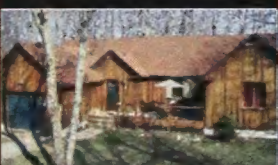
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This extremely well built 3 bedroom home/country getaway is situated on over 2 acres. New (November 2007) FM thermal windows with UV protection. Large 6-sided deck. This home also boasts a storage building with running water, electricity and a root cellar.

Lindsay Elder ** 286-1234

Maple Lake - \$249,900



Level lot on Maple Lake. Well maintained 3 bedroom cottage, new deck at water side, storage shed, winterized, quiet road. Good swimming for children, private. New septic in 2007.

Grace Loughheed * 286-4106

Kushog Lake - \$879,000



Features large eat-in kitchen, separate living room, dining room, plus den, laundry on main floor off kitchen with door to back deck plus a 2 pce powder room. Large master bdrm with ensuite, plus 3 other bdrms, 4pc bath. Attached heated double garage.

Ed Gibbons * 286-1234

Kushog Lakes - \$889,000



This spectacular 4 bdrm bungalow has it all. Grand front foyer leads to open concept living room/dining room/kitchen, with glass doors to huge entertainment deck. Lower level walk-out from family room. Also includes 1500 sq ft garage/workshop with new top quality guest quarters.

Vince Jarvis * 286-1234

Redstone - \$599,900



Prime private well treed 1 acre lot with 425 ft frontage on prestigious Redstone Lake - deep clean water - expansive view 3+ bdrm, 2 bath home with full finished walkout lower level offering 2400 sq. ft. of living space. Hardwood floors, decking & docking, sauna, wet bar.

Anthony vanLieshout ** 457-2414

Deer Lake Cottage - \$299,900



Outstanding point lot with 162' frontage, SW exposure & 4 bdrs. Combination sand & rock bottom. Level lot.....don't hesitate. Asking \$299,900. 130' Vacant lot for sale next door too!

Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex 238

Cranberry Lake - \$379,000



This large 3 bdrm home sits on a level lot with a big lake view and sand shore. Huge living room and dining room with patio doors. Spacious master bedroom with ensuite and wonderful lake views. This waterfront home/cottage is perfect for the family.

Tom Gardner * 286-1234

Peach Lake - \$469,900



Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Very private with western exposure. Bunkie and metal storage shed. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut. Viceroy style with low E windows.

Barry Warren * 286-1234

Minden Village - \$289,900



Private setting conveniently located in Minden Village within walking distance of all amenities. Royal home with attached double insulated & dry walled garage, offering approx. 2,500 sq. ft. of living area, 4 bdrms, 2 baths jacuzzi tub, formal dining area, main floor laundry.

Cathy Bain * 457-2414

Redstone - \$589,000



3 bdrm cottage situated on a beautiful well treed, private lot with an absolute gorgeous view. Very tranquil setting. Pine cathedral with dry wall, hardwood floors, nicely finished, open concept living space. 2 main floor bdrms with 4pc bath and one lg upper loft bedroom.

Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel *
754-1932

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Announcements

Anniversary

Bonnie-Lee Berry, Paul Prentice, Bev Kinsman and Tammy McKelvey Together with our families invite you to celebrate the 60th Wedding Anniversary of our parents **Bill and Lenore Prentice** at an **Open House** to be held at the **Minden Community Centre** on **Sunday, June 15th, 2008** from **2:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m.** Best Wishes only.



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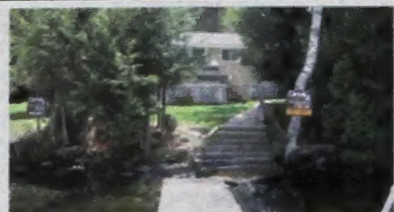
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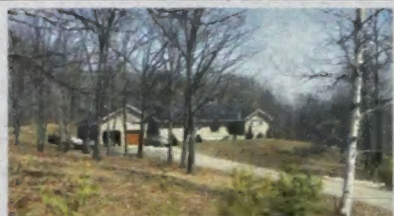
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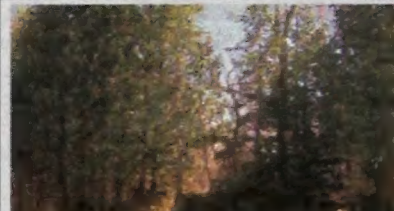
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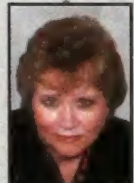
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